

# *Town of Harpeswell*

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*2014 Annual Report*

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Celebrating New Playground Equipment at Harpswell Community School

Photo by Gina Perow, Recreation Director | Cover design by Christine Cummings

# *Dedication*



*William "Pappy" Labbe*

William "Pappy" Labbe stepped down from his appointment as Emergency Management Agent for the Town of Harpswell in 2014 after 12 years of dedicated service. Over those years, he covered many emergency situations, with one of the most memorable being the Patriots' Day Storm in April 2007. During and after this significant wind event, Pappy kept his calm demeanor and made sure that the necessary resources were brought to bear to restore the Town to normal operations. He had tremendous respect for the work performed by the three independent fire and rescue services, and routinely communicated with their leadership on emergency matters. Harpswell was well represented at the Cumberland County emergency management meetings in Windham as his attendance was near-perfect. Pappy and his lovely wife, Pam, reside on Laurel Shore Drive in Harpswell. We express our deepest thanks and gratitude for his years of public service.





## *Elected Town Officials*

January 1 to December 31, 2014

### **Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor:**

Richard A. Daniel, Chair (2016)

Elinor Multer (2015)

Kevin E. Johnson (2017)

**Town Clerk:** Rosalind M. Knight (2016)

**Tax Collector:** Jill M. Caldwell (2016)

**Road Commissioner:** Ronald D. Ponziani (2015)

### **M.S.A.D. # 75 Directors:**

Linda W. Hall (2016)

Joanne M. Rogers (2015)

David. A. Johnson (2017)

Sarah A. Clemons (2017)



## *Town of Harpswell*

Incorporated the 13th Town

January 25, 1758

First Settled: Mid 1600's

Permanently Settled: 1727

2010 Census: 4,740

Registered Voters: 4,063

Total Miles of Shoreline: 216.8

Total Area in Square Miles: 23.68

2014 State Valuation: \$1,797,900,000

## ***Boards & Committees***

### ***BANDSTAND***

*Robert Modr '15*  
*Bryan Foster '15*  
*Candis Hine '15*  
*Chris Huber '15*  
*Chris Hall '15*  
*Richard Meisenbach '15*  
*William Muldoon '15*

### ***BOARD OF APPEALS***

*James Knight '17*  
*John Perry '16*  
*Ellen Lebauer '16*  
*John Chiquoine '15 (Resigned)*  
*Kent Simmons '15*  
*Ellen Shillinglaw '15*  
*Patricia Lawson '15 Associate*

### ***BUDGET ADVISORY***

*Linda Hall '17*  
*Ellen Shillinglaw '17*  
*Roberta Weil '15*  
*Burton Taylor, Jr. '15*  
*Scott Sheffer '15*

### ***COMPREHENSIVE PLAN IMPLEMENTATION***

*David Chipman '17*  
*James Henderson '16*  
*Burton Taylor, Jr. '15*

### ***CONSERVATION COMMISSION***

*Mary Ann Nahf '17*  
*Sue Vachon '17*  
*Ann Nemrow '16*  
*Burton Taylor, Jr. '16*  
*Deirdre Strachan '15*  
*Anne Perry '15 Associate*

### ***EMERGENCY VEHICLES***

*Benjamin Wallace, Jr. '15*  
*Jonathan Burbank '15*  
*Eric Chipman '15*  
*Walter Johnson '15*  
*Frank Hilton '15 (Resigned)*  
*Edward Blain '15*

### ***ENERGY***

*Daniel Huber '16*  
*Paul Desjardins '16*  
*Aaron Despres '16*  
*David Chipman '15*  
*John Monaghan, Jr. '15*

### ***FIRE & RESCUE***

*Benjamin Wallace, Jr. '15*  
*Edward Blain '15*  
*Gail Hart '15*  
*Cindy Watson '15*  
*Sheila Lucas '15*  
*Frank Hilton '15 (Resigned)*

### ***HARBOR & WATERFRONT***

*Jacques Dostie '16*  
*Richard Moseley '16*  
*Burton Taylor, Jr. '15*  
*William Saxton '15*

### ***MARINE RESOURCES***

*John Gormley '17*  
*Connie Bernier '17*  
*Jeffrey Conant '17*  
*Shelly Wilson '16 (Resigned)*  
*David Wilson '16*  
*Wendell Cressey '16*  
*Michael Bernier, Sr. '15*  
*Justin Farmer '15*

### ***MITCHELL FIELD***

*Michael McCabe '17*  
*Scott Sheffer '17*  
*William Muldoon '16*  
*Jane Covey '16*  
*David Chipman '15*  
*Donald Miskill, Jr. '15*  
*Robert Roark '15*  
*Nancy Sohl '15*  
*Daniel Boland '15 (Resigned)*

### ***PLANNING BOARD***

*Aaron Fuchs '17*  
*Burton Taylor, Jr. '16*  
*David Chipman '16*  
*Debora Levensailor '16*  
*Paul Standridge '15*  
*John Papacosma '15 Associate*  
*Frank Wright IV '15 Associate*

### ***RECREATION***

*Richard Meisenbach '17*  
*William Muldoon '17*  
*Raymond Sohl '17*  
*Susan Rich '16*  
*Anthony Barrett '16*  
*Donald Miskill, Jr. '15*  
*David Brooks '15*  
*Frank Wright, Jr. '15 Associate*

### ***RECYCLING***

*Jeffery Stann '17*  
*John Holland '15*  
*George Barker '15*

### ***TOWN LANDS***

*David Hackett '17*  
*Kenneth Oehmig '17*  
*Edward Perry '17*  
*Ellen Shillinglaw '16*  
*Hope Hilton '16*  
*Jane Smith '16*  
*Robert Waddle '15*  
*Jean Richter '15 Associate*  
*John Loyd, Jr. '15 Associate*



## ***Selectmen***

The Board of Selectmen wishes to extend to the citizens of Harpswell, its sincere gratitude for the opportunity to serve you and our non-resident taxpayers. The Selectmen with their unique individual perspectives of Harpswell have worked well together and effectively in accomplishing many of the goals we had set before ourselves as a Board earlier in the year, those set for us by Town Meeting and others that arose throughout the year.

The following is a representation of items your Board of Selectmen has worked on or is working on:

### **Emergency Services**

At last year's Town Meeting, it was voted to continue a 24-hour paramedic service with Mid Coast Hospital. This spring saw the completion and dedication of the Harpswell Emergency Services building that houses the intercept vehicle and on-duty paramedics.

To assist each other in identifying possible future emergency service needs, the Board has begun to hold quarterly workshops with the fire and rescue chiefs and captains of Harpswell's three volunteer fire and rescue departments, our Town's Emergency Management Agent and Town staff. You will find their reports in this Annual Report. Our first meeting was productive with good questions and information flowing among all in attendance.

After many years of excellent service, William "Pappy" Labbe retired from the position of Emergency Management Agent. Rob McAleer accepted the appointment to the position last spring. Combined with other relevant experiences, he previously served as Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency.

### **Mitchell Field**

The Selectmen contracted with Utility Services Group to perform an updated assessment focused on the safety of the water tower including the interior of the tank. It was found to be in need of metal work, removal of rust, old coating, and the applications of coating to the interior and exterior at an estimated cost of \$432,000 to bring the tower and tank up to best level of service as a water storage tank. The Board has discussed uses for the water tower, sought the opinion of the Mitchell Field Committee and remains open to considering the ideas of those wishing to save it. However, without a compelling and fiscally responsible proposal for its use or re-use, the Board agrees that to continue to do nothing is not an option and may place on the warrant, for your consideration, an article to remove the water tower.

This summer the Select Board Chair and Town Administrator met with a representative of a growing business in the aquaculture field specializing in the cultivation, harvesting and product uses of kelp to show him the designated business space at Mitchell Field. Although the company's needs for expansion are not immediate, there is a possibility it would consider the space for the future.

Currently the Board and staff are meeting with commercial brokerage firms to better understand what companies are looking for and to consider engaging a firm to market the business space at Mitchell Field.

A boat launch at Mitchell Field is a part of the Mitchell Field Master Plan and is anticipated to continue to be a goal of the Select Board. The Mitchell Field Committee is gathering current public opinion about this project and evaluating possible means of funding it.

## **West Harpswell School Building**

Harpswell Coastal Academy (HCA) is currently in its second year of operations in the former West Harpswell School building and as this is written, documents are being drawn up around the charter school's interest in purchasing the building. Selectmen believe the continuing use of the building for the education of Harpswell youth and other young people is an excellent use for the building, which saw only minimal use between the time it was returned to the Town and the point at which it was leased to HCA.

As with any physical asset, the building, which currently also houses the Harpswell Neck Library, needs and will continue to need ongoing maintenance and periodic investments in its structural systems. HCA needs and will continue to need a place for the teaching and learning of its growing student body. For the Board of Selectmen, the challenge has been to obtain a fair and reasonable price for an asset belonging to the citizens of Harpswell, while reaching a deal that is also fair to the Academy. If final agreement can be reached in time for Town Meeting, voters will find an article on the warrant seeking their approval of such a proposal.

## **Funding Assistance for Cedar Beach/Cedar Island Supporters**

The Board of Selectmen has been involved since 2010 in efforts to retain /secure access to this Bailey Island beach that has traditionally been used by locals and visitors for ocean access. Following the organization of the Cedar Beach/Cedar Island Supporters as a not-for-profit corporation, the quest for access moved into the courts and the Supporters raised just under \$200,000 to pay the costs of their litigation. In 2014 Superior Court Justice Nancy Mills ruled that "The public has acquired a prescriptive easement over Cedar Beach Road . . ." That ruling opens access by land whereas, the easement obtained from the Aspatores in 2014 provides only a right to use a specific portion of the beach if one could get there. The Justice's ruling has been appealed to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court by the owner of Cedar Beach Road and the Supporters have asked the Town to provide \$110,000 to help the organization defend Justice Mills' ruling and possibly to acquire access to additional beach areas. The Board of Selectmen has agreed to put an article providing such funds on the warrant for the upcoming Town Meeting.

## **Wages and Benefits Study**

Michael Wing was contracted as a consultant to perform a wages and benefits study covering the employees of the Town including elected officials. The study provides to the Board and Administration a scale of pay grades for different positions and current wages within those pay grades. In an attempt to bring employees more in line with the scale that was developed, the Board has proposed 2015 rates that include longevity increases at 5-year increments. A few of the positions were found to be below the low range of the scale and adjustments are in the budget proposals to be voted on at Town Meeting.

The Road Commissioner has requested an increase in salary from \$15,300 to \$30,000. After meeting with the Commissioner, the Board, with a recommendation from the Budget Advisory Committee, agreed to place on the warrant a salary increase to \$20,000. The warrant article has been written to allow voters at Town Meeting to increase or decrease the total amount of the article.

## **Marine Resources Manager**

Last March at Town Meeting, it was voted to contract for management and oversight of marine resources and shellfish conservation activities. The Board and Town Administrator reviewed proposals and interviewed qualified candidates. A contract was signed with Darcie Couture of Resource Access International. Details of RAI's work can be found on the Town's website. The Board is pleased with this management and oversight, and with RAI's initiative, coordination and outreach within our Town and with our neighbors in the region.

## Lookout Point Property

In working with the State under its environmental remediation program, the Town was successful in obtaining a grant to cover costs of mitigating a small amount of petroleum at the newly-acquired land adjacent to Town land at Lookout Point. The property was purchased from Dain Allen.

## Professional Services

As a routine sound management practice, the Board approved sending out requests for proposals for legal and auditing services which had been in place for a number of years. It was decided to accept the proposal offered by Drummond and Woodsum with attorney Amy Tchao as the Town's primary legal advisor. The firm RJR Smith was engaged as Town auditor.

The work of the Board of Selectmen is buoyed by a dedicated Town staff and by individuals whose time and talents make up our Town's boards, committees, and commission. Thank you all for all that you do.



*Richard A. Daniel*



*Elinor Multer*



*Kevin Johnson*



*Left to right – Front: Sandy Bichrest, Debbie Turner, Jason Marshall, Carol Eyerman, Linda Strickland, Gina Perow  
Back: Rob McAleer, Jill Caldwell, Cathy Doughy, Kristi Eiane, Terri Sawyer, Lee Johnson, Jim Hays, Diane Plourde, Bill Wells, Rosalind Knight*



## ***Town Administrator***

The 2014 Annual Town Report provides valuable information about the activities and operations of the Town. It reflects the priorities of the Town in both the financial detail and in the reports submitted by officials, department heads, board and committee members and many others who contribute to the successful operations of the Town and to the quality of services available to our community.

### *2014 Highlights*

- Acquisition of an easement at Cedar Beach and of property on Lookout Point adjacent to an existing Town Landing
- Completion of capital road improvements on Shore Acres, Thompson, Wharf, Hildreth, and Long Point Roads
- Completion of wide-span culvert replacement on Bethel Point Road
- Start of capital road project on the following roads: Bayview, Abner, Washington and Steamboat Wharf
- Completion of Emergency Medical Services building and first full year of round-the-clock paramedic coverage from a centralized location
- Review of emergency medical services leading to quarterly meetings between Selectmen and the Town's Fire and Rescue Committee
- Contract for construction of ambulance to be leased to Harpswell Neck Fire & Rescue
- Engagement of a marine resources consultant to guide management of marine resources
- Engagement of wage and salary consultant to develop systematic compensation structure
- Engagement of new legal counsel and new audit firm

### *2015 Initiatives*

- Proposed one-day a week public transportation service to connect with the Brunswick Explorer
- Possible sale of West Harpswell School to Harpswell Coastal Academy
- Proposed funding to support efforts by Cedar Beach/Cedar Island supporters to secure public access
- Stabilization of the embankment at the entrance to Long Point Road
- Proposed re-instatement of the Property Tax Assistance Ordinance
- Solicitation of public input on possible rehabilitation of the pier and construction of a boat launch at Mitchell Field

Much gratitude is extended to all who serve the Town, with special thanks going to the many volunteers serving on Harpswell's boards, committees and its one commission. These dedicated volunteers for 2014 are listed in the front section of this Report and deserve a tremendous amount of credit for helping the Town to accomplish many of its priorities. If you have a particular area of interest or a skill set you want to share with the Town, consider joining a committee. Committees cover a diversity of subjects such as land use, energy, recreation and recycling to name a few. Before submitting an application, check out mission statements (see Town's website) or attend a meeting (see calendar on website). Most committees meet monthly and offer stimulating opportunities for working on substantive matters that eventually come before the Selectmen.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 14 as the date of the 2015 Town Meeting, a time when members of the legislative body (the Town's voters) come together to determine the annual budget and the outcome of other policies and ordinances. Take time to review the Annual Town Meeting warrant which is included in the last section of this Report. The meeting is certain to be full of interesting discussion and debate as issues are considered and decisions reached on many important Town matters.

## ***Animal Control Officer***

Beyond responding to routine calls, the focus of the Animal Control Officer (ACO), Lee Johnson, has been compliance with the state law on registering and immunizing dogs. Dog owners failed to re-register over 120 dogs before the January 31<sup>st</sup> deadline in 2014 and over 200 before the 2015 January deadline. There remains an undetermined number of dogs that have never been registered. The goal is to locate all dog owners to achieve 100% registrations and immunization. Follow up on unpaid registration is expensive for the owner, very time consuming and not the best use of the Town's resources, as well as the ACO's time and energy.

The ACO continues to rescue feral cats to assure the continued population decline that he has been working on for 10 years. Please call if you are aware of a feral cat population or stray cat.

The ACO helps needy residents with food and medical attention for pets. If you know of someone struggling to meet her or his pets needs please consider helping or contact the ACO. Many animals are still being turned into the animal shelter because the owners cannot afford them. Your consideration will be appreciated.

Residents are reminded that the ACO is only authorized to handle domestic animals. However, he is pleased to field calls regarding wild animals and make referrals for appropriate help. Residents are also reminded that we live in a rural community, in which wildlife is an integral part. In many cases the animals and their ancestors were here long before we were, so please make accommodations when possible.

Judy Arndt continues as deputy ACO. Please call 1-800-501-1111 Cumberland County Sheriff's Office Public Safety dispatch to reach the ACO. An ACO is on call 24/7.

*Some people talk to animals. Not many listen though. That's the problem. A. A. Milne*

## ***Assessing Office***

The Assessor's Office serves to provide the taxpayers of Harpswell with fair and equitable valuations of real estate and business personal property, for tax purposes, in accordance with Maine law. The Assessor's Office is committed to maintaining positive public relations and providing reliable public information.

As of April 1 2014, taxable valuation for the Town of Harpswell is \$1,787,425,900. This includes taxable real estate with a total of \$1,782,194,600 and taxable personal property with a total of \$5,231,300. The value of exempt property is \$65,724,000. There are currently 4,988 real estate accounts and 153 personal property accounts.

The Assessors committed the annual tax rolls to the Tax Collector on August 5, 2014 with the mil rate of \$6.10, the due dates of 9/16/2014 and 12/16/2014, interest rate of 6% and a total of \$10,903,298 to be collected for 2014 taxes.

Harpswell has land area of 14,206.57 acres and approximately 216.8 miles of ocean frontage. There are 4,988 land parcels, of which 4,166 are improved and 844 are unimproved. We have 1,482.06 acres enrolled in the State of Maine Tree Growth program and 642.89 acres protected under the State of Maine Open Space program. We have 94 acres of Farm Land and 89 acres in Farm woodland enrolled in the State of Maine Farm Land Current Use Program. Under the oversight of the local Harpswell Heritage

Land Trust there are 357.29 acres of protected land. The Town of Harpswell owns over 411.51 acres, and State of Maine and other Land Trust own 553.32 acres, which means that over 25% of Harpswell is being preserved.

Annually, the Assessor's Office reviews valuations and makes adjustments to the valuations that include any additions and reductions in tax valuations [534 properties visited]. The department is also responsible for maintaining accurate records of property ownership [321 transfers]. Part of the assessment process includes conducting an annual "ratio study," which compares the actual selling price of property to its assessment. The most recent study conducted for State valuation purposes indicated the assessed values, on average, to be at approximately 100% of market value. The Assessor's Office is also responsible for processing Homestead Exemptions [1,448], and Veterans and Veterans' Widow's Exemptions [244].

Please contact the Assessing Office by calling 833-5771 or visit our Town's website at [www.harpswell.maine.gov](http://www.harpswell.maine.gov) and go to Town Department and click on Assessor for information about property cards, tax maps, sales data, deeds, plans and applications for exemptions and current use programs that the State offers such as Veteran, Homestead and Blind Exemptions, Tree Growth, Open Space & Farmland Classifications, and Charitable & Benevolent Institutions.

## ***Caretaker***

The Town Caretaker is responsible for the maintenance of Town-owned lands and buildings.

The ongoing projects performed by the Town Caretaker include:

- Continuous efforts to improve upon energy efficiency in the Town Office building.
- Regular inspections and routine maintenance of Town-owned buildings and lands.
- Working with various Town staff to facilitate upkeep, maintenance and/or storage of Town-owned landings, wharves, watercraft and vehicles.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding Town-owned lands or buildings, feel free to contact the Town Office at (207) 833-5771 and ask for the Code Enforcement Office.

## ***Code Enforcement Office***

In July of 2012, the Maine Uniform Building and Energy Code (MUBEC) took effect in Harpswell. If you're planning a project, remember that all construction must comply with MUBEC and be inspected for compliance. Please allow ample time for inspections – if it gets buried, encased or enclosed, we probably have to look at it first! Contact the Code Enforcement Office if you are unsure whether a project requires a permit, inspections, or a Certificate of Compliance and/or Occupancy.

The effort by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to modernize and digitize coastal flood hazard maps is ongoing. Coastal Cumberland County preliminary maps were released in November 2013 and incorporate many changes from the original preliminary maps received in 2009. If you own waterfront property and have not reviewed the preliminary maps, they are available online from the Town's website and can be viewed in the Code Enforcement Office. Code Enforcement Staff will be available to review preliminary flood maps with interested citizens and the Town's website will continue to be updated as new information is received.

There were 269 Building/Land Use Permits issued in 2014, up slightly from 265 in 2013. 185 plumbing permits were issued in 2014, compared with 168 in 2013. (Plumbing permit numbers include both internal plumbing and septic system permits.)

Please feel free to visit, call or e-mail the Code Office with questions, concerns or suggestions.

Year Issued	Permits Issued	Plumbing Permits	Mobile Homes	New Home (Stick & Modular)	Accessory Structures	Additions Renovations	Piers Docks Floats	Rip-Rap Seawall	Other/repairs /maintnance	Replacement Dwellings	Repair/ Replace Wharf	Condos
2010	291	158	5	20	92	71	6	15	68	12	2	0
2011	278	158	3	18	62	89	14	15	57	8	12	0
2012	252	160	1	16	43	97	11	8	55	11	10	0
2013	265	168	1	22	69	84	16	10	44	9	9	1
2014	269	185	1	25	36	136	18	4	24	2	23	0

## ***Emergency Management Agent***

After many years of loyal service to the Town, Bill Labbe retired from his position as the Town's Emergency Management Agent (EMA). We thank him for all that he has done.

Bill's departure gave Robert McAleer the opportunity to give back to the Town in return for all of the great experiences his family has enjoyed since moving here in 1999. Having previously served as the Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) for six years, it is his intention to use that experience to help ensure that our community is well-positioned to prepare for, respond to and recover from the myriad of emergency events that might challenge us in the coming months and years. To help accomplish that, we are fortunate to have in place a foundation of tremendous resources represented by our three fire departments and several dedicated employees that represent our first level of response. Additionally, we have citizens who are generally very resilient and able to be self-sufficient, thereby enabling the First Responders to focus on the most critical issues. That resilience, coupled with a tradition of neighbors helping neighbors, will be critical to our success in dealing with future disasters that might impact our Town.

To-date we have installed a new radio in the OBI Fire House. This radio provides us with a direct line of communications with the County EMA during emergency situations. We have also replaced the back-up Public Safety Alert Point telephone in the Harpswell Neck Fire Station. This phone allows us to do our own dispatching in the event that the primary 911 link to the County Dispatch Center is lost. The most ambitious undertaking is a revision of the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). This plan not only details information and points of contact that may be needed during a disaster, but it also will document the various protocols and responsibilities that come into play during particular types of events. While plans rarely address all requirements completely, our plan will give us a solid starting point for responding to large-scale or complex emergency events and quickly getting the community on the road to recovery.

As we continue to work on the EOP in the coming months, there will be a concerted effort to engage all of the organizations and individuals that have critical roles to play so that they are aware of their responsibilities and so that those duties can be carried out in an effective, timely and coordinated manner. As individual citizens, it is also incumbent upon each one of us to do our own planning and preparation for dealing with events that might otherwise disrupt our daily lives. MEMA has established a web site (<http://www.maine.gov/mema/prepare/>) that provides a wealth of information for use by families, businesses and schools in making those preparations. As with many things, a little bit of effort in advance can reduce the strain and hardship experienced during stressful events.

## ***General Assistance***

Maine statute requires that all municipalities administer a service “for the immediate aid of persons who are unable to provide the basic necessities.” An annual audit is performed by the Department of Health and Human Services and Harpswell’s program was deemed compliant, ensuring that the Town will continue to be reimbursed by the State for 50% of its program costs.

Residents who apply for General Assistance are expected to provide documentation of income and repeat applicants are required to verify how they spent their income in the 30 days prior to making application. An applicant who is not in need of emergency assistance may be required to fulfill a workfare requirement prior to receiving the non-emergency assistance conditionally granted to that applicant.

The General Assistance Administrator serves to connect clients to other available resources. Applicants are directed to apply for LIHEAP (Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program) which is administered by the Maine State Housing Authority and contracted to the Opportunity Alliance Program (PROP). Harpswell residents may call PROP at 1-800-698-4959 or 553-5800 for an appointment. If you have questions about any of the above-mentioned programs, please contact Linda Strickland at the Town Office.

### *General Assistance Statistics*

	<i>Housing</i>	<i>Utilities</i>	<i>Heating</i>	<i>Food</i>	<i>Supplies</i>	<i>Total</i>
2014	\$ 4,660	\$ 794	\$2,775	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 8,229
2013	\$10,226	\$ 802	\$4,313	\$ 99	\$ 47	\$15,305
2012	\$ 5,206	\$ 1,329	\$4,789	\$ 741	\$202	\$12,267
2011	\$10,591	\$ 393	\$5,670	\$ 271	\$ 92	\$17,213
2010	\$ 8,853	\$ 1,005	\$4,110	\$ 388	\$311	\$14,800
2009	\$13,277	\$ 2,149	\$2,494	\$ 416	\$171	\$18,509
2008	\$ 9,769	\$ 1,492	\$2,528	\$ 602	\$196	\$14,905
2007	\$ 6,675	\$ 540	\$2,698	\$ 509	\$119	\$10,621

## ***Harpswell Heating Assistance***

The Harpswell Heating Assistance Program (HHAP) was started in March 2008. This program is a locally administered program intended to aid those who do not typically qualify for the General Assistance Program or other heating assistance programs, but who need help with heating costs. Eligibility is determined on the basis of household income that is less than 200% of the Federal Poverty level.

In 2014, HHAP provided assistance to 48 applicants. For eligible households, this program may provide up to 200 gallons of fuel oil or propane or the equivalent value in wood during the winter season.

At the 2014 March Town Meeting, voters approved an appropriation of \$10,000 for HHAP; in addition the Town received donations of \$11,822 for the program in 2014 and \$31,356 was carried over from the prior year. Total expenditures in 2014 were \$16,632, leaving a balance at year’s end of \$36,546.

Thanks to the generosity of the fundraising efforts by Cook’s Lobster House, and contributions from many other donors, the fund has been maintained at a healthy level.

The Town requests that all HHAP applicants apply to LIHEAP (Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program) which is federally funded and administered by the Maine State Housing Authority through the Opportunity Alliance Program (PROP). (See contact information above).



## ***Fire Warden***

For 2014, there were 402 burn permits issued by the Town fire wardens and no online permits were issued this year. Open Burning Permits can be obtained at the Town Office during normal business hours Monday through Friday and at the Recycling Center, Saturday mornings, and in the summer starting the first Thursday in May on Thursday mornings. Permits are not available online due to the abuse of the system.

Three (3) burning permits per day per fire department area may be issued for a total of nine (9) permits per day.

Town Fire Warden Frank E. Hilton, 833-0025 and Deputy Fire Wardens Dick Wyer 833-5462, Ed Blain 833-5199 and Walter Johnson 833-5734 can issue permits on Sundays and on Saturdays when Recycling Center Manager Fred Cantu is unavailable. Deputy Fire Wardens Linda Strickland and Diane Plourde can issue burning permits from the Town Office when the office is open.

Open burning is not allowed in the Town of Harpswell without a permit. Thank you for burning responsibly. Please remember that it is illegal to leave an open burn until it is completely extinguished. In the interest of public safety, permits are not issued when the fire danger is determined to be "extreme" or "very high" by the Maine Forest Service, and only a limited number of permits are issued when the danger is "high." The Forest Service posts current fire hazard conditions daily on its website. Plan your burn when vegetation is damp and wind is calm. Burning when the ground is snow-covered, during a light drizzle, and/or just before precipitation is forecast is ideal. Typically November through March offers the safest conditions for open burning.

When you receive a burn permit, you agree to follow a specific set of safe practices. Please review these carefully before burning. Burning must proceed with all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of fire and must not create any nuisance conditions to our neighbors. Do not burn when wind speed exceeds 10 mph (5 mph when burning grass). If the wind comes up you must extinguish the fire. Fires must be attended at all times by at least 2 adults with the necessary tools and water to enable a burn to be extinguished safely.

You must have a written permit issued by a fire warden in your possession. You are responsible for the fire if it escapes and may be liable for suppression costs up to \$10,000 as well as any damages caused to other properties.

## ***Harbormaster***

The main functions of the Harbormaster are the management of all harbors, anchorages, mooring fields, and Town landings, and working with various Town committees associated with the harbors and waterfront.

### **Moorings**

- All mooring fees for existing moorings are due no later than May 1, 2015. Late payments (after May 1) will be double the normal mooring fee.
- All moorings in the Town of Harpswell will be required to have the mooring registration number permanently marked on the mooring ball with the registration sticker kept on the vessel registered to the mooring.

**Private moorings** are required to be registered with the Town of Harpswell annually by the owner of the vessel.

**Rental moorings** are registered by waterfront-related businesses such as marinas and rental entities. These moorings are required to be permitted by the Army Corps of Engineers (ACOE) and registered annually with the Town of Harpswell.

**Moored floats** may be used for recreational or commercial activities. A permit (ACOE) is required for all moored floats in addition to the annual registration with the Town of Harpswell.

### **Mooring Inventory**

The Harbormaster continues to inventory moorings with a GPS system each summer/fall. These records allow for tracking mooring placements and validating mooring registrations as well as show trends of mooring assignments and usage. In 2014, 105 new mooring applications were processed, 1687 boat moorings plus 67 floats were in the water. 206 of the moorings were without the mooring number properly displayed and are subject to removal and/or reassignment of the mooring location to the next person requesting that location.

- Applications for new moorings and Army Corps of Engineers permits can be found on the Harpswell website or picked up at the Clerk's or Harbormaster's office.

### **Harbor Management**

The Harbormaster has been working with the Harbor and Waterfront (H&W) Committee to determine the next steps for developing a Harbor Management Plan for all harbors. Each harbor has its own unique characteristics that will have to be taken into consideration as the plan develops. Future plans involve working with the H&W Committee to gather input from mooring owners in the main harbors of Harpswell: Cundy's Harbor, Garrison Cove, Mackerel Cove, Pott's Harbor, and all other established mooring fields. The objective is to determine how well mooring fields are laid out, to identify any issues to be addressed and to determine what could be modified to make each harbor more efficient and user-friendly.

### **Aquaculture**

The Harbor & Waterfront Committee, the Harbormaster, and Marine Resources Committee & consultant continue to look at ways to protect and enhance the marine economy. Aquaculture continues to be a topic of growing interest as an alternative income from leases for growing mussels, oysters, scallops, kelp and other seaweeds that are processed into food products.

### **Website**

The Town website has a section dedicated to the Harbormaster's activities. This website includes applications for ACOE and Town permits as well as information on fees and maps of mooring fields. Also posted on the website is information about waterfront activities including progress on the harbor planning process.

## *Planning Office*

In another busy year, the Planning Office served a variety of functions. The Planner and Planning Assistant aid the Planning Board, Board of Appeals, Conservation Commission, Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee, and the Mitchell Field Committee. They also staff the Town's relationships with the Community Development Block Grant program in Cumberland County, MidCoast Economic Development District, and the New Meadows River Partnership.

The planning activities are many and interesting. The year began with working with you to gain approval of ordinance amendments that included flexible lot size subdivisions and updates to our impermeable surface area definitions, which laid the groundwork for the proposed amendments in 2015. With the help of the Planning Board, Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee, and Conservation Commission work began to: allow low impact development and green infrastructure to be used by developers; permit timber harvesting in the shoreland zone to be reviewed and regulated by the State; update the time allowed for recording subdivisions; clarify that commercial fishing is permitted in all areas of town; and provide a new definition of structure. The Planning Board continues to develop minor amendments that will improve the reading and enhance consistency between ordinances. In addition, the Planning Board is working on a noise ordinance or amendments to the current basic land use ordinance to regulate noise and the Conservation Commission is working on an update to the current insect growth regulator ordinance. These are still under discussion.

The Staff Review Committee provides reviews for site plans of small developments. Two applications were reviewed and approved, one for the Town Recycling Center and the other for Dolphin Marina. With the demand for more housing and land development, the Planning Board is receiving development proposals for challenging parcels of land.

The Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee continues its work and is getting ready for a Plan update by discussing strategy, timing, and budget implications. The current 2005 Plan was begun in 2002 and the data and some of the recommendations are outdated and no longer useful for current decision-making.

At this time, the Mitchell Field Committee is seeking public input with regard to the future of the pier and the possibility of constructing a boat launch.

The Planning Office provides contact and support for special projects to the business community. The Office is currently working on a workshop on website and "smart" technologies. This is scheduled to be held with the Harpswell Business Association's March 2015 meeting.

The Planning Office thanks all the people who have made 2014 a remarkable and rewarding year! As always, the Office is available to assist with your questions.

## Recreation

The Recreation Department's main objective is to provide recreational programs for all ages. The department is responsible for recreational programming and operating the Trufant-Summerton Athletic Field. This is accomplished with one part-time employee and many, many volunteers.

A special thank you is extended to community members, volunteers, and parents who give their time, talents and positive contributions to recreation programs and the Town. Volunteers allow the department to provide valuable services, programs and facilities which, in turn, create a true sense of community. New volunteers are always needed. If you are interested in volunteering we have opportunities for everyone. More information can be found at [www.harpswell.maine.gov](http://www.harpswell.maine.gov) Town Departments > Recreation.

Recreation Director, Gina Perow, can be reached at 833-5771, or [recreation@town.harpswell.me.us](mailto:recreation@town.harpswell.me.us)

In 2014, the Recreation Committee had surveying done for the east side of the Devil's Back Trail Area. It also had new signs made for Town trail areas which will be posted in the spring. The upkeep and beautification of the trails always keeps the Committee members busy. The Harpswell Hiking Challenge, which is held in June every year, was a huge success. The Committee partnered with Harpswell Heritage Land Trust and was able to reach well beyond our community. The event brought in 135 registered participants from all over the Mid Coast region and points further north.

Recreation Programming Report - 2014

\* New Program

Program	Season	Length	Ages/Grades	Attendance
Ararat Youth Basketball League - AYBL	Winter	12 weeks	Grades 3 - 6	50
Basketball "FUN"amentals	Winter	6 Weeks	Pre K & K; 1 & 2	45
Karate	Winter	8 Weeks	Grades K - 5	15
Ski and Snowboard at Lost Valley	Winter	6 Weeks	Community	35-55
Family Swim @ Bowdoin Pool	Winter/Spring	Varies	Community	30 - 75/night
*Soccer Clinic	Winter	10 Weeks	Ages 5 - 7	12
*Family Fitness Night	Winter/Spring	One night	Community/HCS	35
*Fitness Challenge	Winter/Spring	6 weeks	Grades K - 5	School wide
Harpswell Harriers XC Running	Spring	6 Weeks	Grades K - 5	15
Cal Ripken Baseball	Spring	8 - 10 Weeks	Ages 7 - 12	45
Babe Ruth Softball	Spring	8 - 10 Weeks	Ages 7 - 12	30
T-Ball	Spring	6 Weeks	Ages 4 - 7	40
*Tennis Academy	Spring	8 Weeks	Grades 2 - 5	25
Red Cross Summer Swim @ Bowdoin Pool	Summer	2 Weeks/Daily Half day	Ages 4 - 14	245
Camp Harpswell	Summer	2 Weeks/Daily	Grades K - 5	31
Abbot Fletcher Sailing School	Summer	4 Weeks - Half Day	Ages 8 and up	2
Kayaking for Kids @ H2Outfitters	Summer	2 Weeks - Half or Full Day	Ages 8 and up	25
*Kayaking for Teens and Young Adults	Summer	1 Week - Full Day	Ages 14 - 19	0
*Paddle Nights at H2Outfitters	Summer	7 weeks each group	Adults/Community	10
Harpswell Harriers XC	Fall	6 Weeks	Grades K - 5	20
Family Swim @ Bowdoin Pool	Fall	Varies	Community	30 - 75/night
Pee Wee Soccer	Fall	6 Weeks	Ages 4 - 6	30
Karate	Fall	8 Weeks	Grades K - 5	25
Field Hockey	Fall	6 Weeks	Grades 3 - 6	21
*Tennis Clinic with HNPEA	Fall	1 day clinic	Grades K - 7	25
Yoga at the Town Office	Three Season	6 Weeks	Adult Program	18
Tuesday Bridge Group	Year-round	Once Weekly	Adult Program	16 - 24
Friday Bridge Group	Year-round	Once Weekly	Adult Program	8 - 20
*Harpswell Family Outings	Year-round	Once a month	Community	3 - 58 per session

## ***A. Dennis Moore Recycling Center***

2014 was another eventful year. In November the Center said goodbye to Mark Wallace, who was employed with the Town for 7 years. As a result of Mark's departure, the Center welcomed John Warner to the crew in January 2015.

August 2014 marked one year of Single Stream Recycling Operation. While the first 12 months of operation realized a 7% increase in the recycling rate, statistics for the remainder of 2014 indicate that this increase may have leveled off. In order to save your tax dollars and continually strive towards improvement, we ask you to diligently monitor your waste materials. Every piece of paper or cardboard, no matter how big can be placed in the recycling hopper. Every food can, every plastic container number 1-7 (except Styrofoam and plastic bags) can be recycled, along with glass bottles and jars. Porcelain, clay, ceramics and drinking glasses are not recyclable, and must be deposited in the trash hopper.

The facility remains clean and neat, thanks to all of you. There has been a significant reduction in the amount of trash left at the gate during our closed hours, and the Staff truly thanks everyone for their efforts.

Tonnage processed at the Recycling Center and Transfer Station is as follows:

<b>Waste Received</b>		<b>2010</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2013</b>	<b>2014</b>
	Recycling Center	1623.6	1598.8	1502.8	1508.2	1461.1
	Transfer Station	1215.4	936.7	921.9	897.8	986.4
	Total Tons	2839.0	2535.5	2424.6	2406.0	2447.5
<b>Recycling Rate</b>						
	Recycling Center	32.3%	32.5%	31.5%	33.4%	32.7%
	Transfer Station	70.9%	64.1%	66.8%	65.1%	53.6%
	Annual Recycling Rate	48.5%	44.2%	44.9%	44.8%	41.4%



John Warner, Theresa Racine, Greg King, Manager Fred Cantu

In order to further improve your facility, all residents are asked to adhere to the established guidelines at the facility, and feel free to ask the staff for answers to your questions. Traffic speed within the facility has increased, which has resulted in the installment of a speedbump at the entrance to the parking area. Hazardous Materials are not allowed in the facility due to Department of Environmental Protection regulations, so Hazardous Waste Collection Days are scheduled in May and October.



# Tax Collector's Report

There were 5,136 tax bills sent out in 2014. Taxes were due on September 15th and December 15th. Over 96% of the real estate taxes have been collected for 2014. This Office collected over \$12.6 million in taxes including property and excise, and filed 92 liens in June to secure payment of 2013 taxes. Thank you for another great year.

You can re-register your automobiles, boats, snowmobiles and ATVs online, and pay your taxes at: [www.harpswell.maine.gov](http://www.harpswell.maine.gov), click on online services. We also accept credit card transactions in person.

Automobiles, trailers and duplicate registrations .....	6,215
Boats, milfoil upgrades and duplicate registrations.....	1,429
Documented boats.....	97
ATV.....	135
Snowmobiles.....	141
Vehicles Online.....	293
Passport Applications.....	50

## 2014 Unpaid Taxes \* Indicates taxes paid in full after books are closed

2014 UNPAID REAL ESTATE TAXES			
97 Noyes Trust aka 97 Haskell Isl Trust .....	820.79	Brayman Sarah E .....	279.94
Adams Bailey C & Peter S.....	615.49	Brilliant Leon C & Marsha A .....	639.88
Aldred Sandra .....	163.48	Brillant Marie L .....	608.17
* Alexander John & Diane.....	474.27	Brockett Teresa.....	220.17
Alexander Ruth .....	2,034.35	Brown Anne .....	1,423.13
Allen Harry R.....	425.17	Brown Anne .....	1,189.50
Allison G Christopher & Jean Bleecker .....	2,078.88	Brown Brandon .....	126.88
Anderson Donald L & Patricia K .....	3,411.12	Butler Thomas C Sr.....	1,143.75
Anderson Donald W & Rosa T.....	1,045.54	* Caron Jeffrey C .....	830.21
Armenante Mark A & Elizabeth T.....	1,124.22	Caron Scott L .....	389.18
Arquette Ronald .....	548.89	Carrick Dianne .....	729.01
A T & T .....	172.63	Carrick Dianne .....	900.01
Austin David .....	62.22	* Casual Rainbow LLC.....	23.75
Baribeau Richard .....	2,552.24	Center Island Terrace LLC .....	1,423.13
Baribeau Richard Sr.....	1,704.86	Center Island Terrace LLC .....	2,243.58
Barker Martha .....	2,480.87	Chamberlin Roger & Holly Trust.....	5,271.01
Bateman Bruce D & Nancy M.....	1,162.66	Champoux Maurice R & Pauline M.....	1,483.52
Bayberry Assoc.....	2,380.35	Chipman Ronald E.....	1,472.54
Beebe Christina T & Kenneth .....	598.75	Chipman Stephen & Carroll M Noyes .....	514.23
* Below Benjamin F & Lisa Ellen Haskins.....	1,914.79	Chipman Stephen & Carroll M Noyes .....	1,210.85
Berry Richard.....	171.41	Coffin Jon Jr, Brian, Marie Pennell, Roger Sirois & Alfred .....	30.50
Bibber Charles A & Beverly B .....	640.50	Coffin Ruth E & Geoffrey Alexander .....	502.33
Bibber Michael, Charles, Mary Wilson, Elizabeth Hunter .....	627.08	Coffin Ruth E & Geoffrey Alexander .....	383.08
Bibber Sally .....	898.53	Colburn David.....	2,084.37
* Black Susan .....	791.47	Colburn David.....	786.90
* Blanchette Steven.....	1,582.95	Colburn David.....	596.58
* Bober David H & Jonathan.....	1,125.84	Colburn David Nelson & Susan N.....	2,451.80
Bourassa David & Dale .....	16.16	Conant Francis R & Hazel C .....	1,235.86
Boutan Pierre J & Paul R.....	2,899.94	Cort Ann S.....	689.02
Boyce Robert J .....	890.16	Coulombe Sandra W .....	2,792.58
Bradbury Lynn .....	3,104.29	Coultas Carol & Kenneth Chutchia.....	909.81
		* Coyne Gregory G & John J & Eugene Thomas.....	963.66

# 2014 Unpaid Taxes (cont.)

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Crosman Jamie	539.24	Koenig Lisa, Linda, Ingram, Daniel & Laurie Bowie	1,406.05
Crosman Jamie	509.35	* LaPointe Ronald & Samantha	81.43
Crosman Jamie	2,065.61	* LaPointe Ronald & Samantha	54.29
* Crosta Timothy	1,833.05	* LaPointe Ronald & Samantha	85.40
Curtis Nigel & Paula M Deluc	3,560.57	* LaPointe Ronald & Samantha	355.02
Dammann Luella Pers Rep of Frederick Dammann	1,407.88	* LaPointe Ronald & Samantha	68.01
* Dana Micheal B & Janet T	1,199.87	* LaPointe Ronald & Samantha	186.05
Darling Brandy	1,847.08	* LaPointe Ronald & Samantha	68.32
* Darling Stephen & Samuel	172.63	* LaPointe Ronald & Samantha	74.72
* Darling Stephen & Samuel	1,392.02	* LaPointe Ronald & Samantha	67.71
Davis Michael	4.27	* LaPointe Ronald & Samantha	66.18
* Davis Sandra	2,034.96	LaPolice George D LaPolice Liv Trust	955.26
* Davis Sandra	2,970.70	Lavigne John	954.65
* Denham Margaret	1,894.66	Leahy Thomas, Patricia, Joseph & Dorothy	4,550.60
* Denham Margaret	203.43	* Leeman Christopher Per rep of Carol Leeman	672.83
* Denham Margaret	815.87	Lemieux Lee J & Lyn H c/o 500 Pine Realty llc	837.22
* Dennen John F	1,025.24	* Leonard Eric F	524.90
Dingley Sandra A & Bard Linda	2,905.43	* Lesneski Patricia K Trustee	256.20
Dolley Barry & Sandra	3,530.07	* Lesneski Patricia K Trustee	448.69
Dorsey Mark M	1,313.17	* Lesneski Patricia K Trustee	187.88
Elliott Ricky & Wendy	1,112.03	Letourneau Albert C	117.05
* Estes Paul L , Carolyn E, Robert A & Richard	1,952.90	Lucas Tracy M	586.09
Evans Barry	582.55	Lumbert Robert	987.51
Farmer John L & Belinda D	1,102.27	* Luscher Bettina	779.27
* Farmer John L & Belinda D	142.07	Lynch Mary Anne	573.98
* Farmer John L & Belinda D	102.53	Maclean Mabel	621.59
* Field Raymond R Jr & Anna M	1,624.59	Maclean Mabel	351.36
* Ford Robert G	889.68	* Malone Stephen I	1,596.37
French Cindy	169.75	* Malone Stephen I	908.59
* Fulmer Elizabeth	1,259.04	Maney Harold	61.00
Galanek Mitchell	2,648.01	Maney Harold Sr	940.01
Gardiner Linda L & Adrienne	421.51	Mangum Paige B	1,374.94
Garver Carmen M & Robert M	8,195.62	Marando Michael & Denise	653.92
Gauron James & Catherine E	510.87	Marr Maurita	2,838.94
Gauron James & Catherine E	510.87	Marstaller David	795.01
* Gentile Leonard J	254.17	Marstaller Nancy, David & Thomas	227.99
* Gerschefske John E & Jean D	1,754.66	Matthews Sandra	142.97
* Gilliam Levi & Marcia	751.52	Mattsen Kenneth	825.94
* Gilliam Levi & Marcia	1,112.64	Mattsen Kenneth	878.40
Goguen Wilfred & Cheryl	990.03	McAuliffe Michael & Kimberly	2,093.73
Goodenow Joey A	87.84	McCallum Mark & Caldwell Kathleen	1,013.05
Graham Robert	1,994.09	McCoig Katherine E	593.53
* Gravel Hervey	864.67	McFadden Carole	914.39
Graves Roger	253.77	McKay Stephen Ekman	1,576.85
Greenleaf Virginia & Calvin J	364.17	McKenney Ellen & Fallon Mary C	226.92
Griffin Linda C	1,474.53	McKnight Linda	406.86
* Gundersen Michael & Deborah	18.78	* Mello Rosemarie & David	1,308.45
Haines Charles	559.37	Michelson Andrea Trustee	1,444.48
Halpin Timothy F	808.86	Miksits Helen E & Herbert B	3,483.09
Harpwell of Winter Park LLC	34.32	Millar Daniel S & Lorrie K	858.96
Harris Josephine A	1,927.60	Mitchell Lynette	542.29
* Harvey William L	448.73	Moody Beatrice L	457.50
Havas Peter	3,193.96	Moody Walter Scott	708.82
* Heim Carrie Kei & Peter K	3,181.87	Moreau Richard J & Sandra M	296.46
Heisey Janice Lee & Wilson	77.77	Morgan Linda	1,254.16
Heisey Janice Lee & Wilson	255.59	Morgan Mary	610.87
Hersom Janice L	566.42	Morgan Maurice & Veronica	1,151.68
Hill George	173.34	Morin Raymond & Nancy	1,995.31
Hodell Lori	95.77	* Morin Stacy Personal rep of John Bear	623.72
Hootsman Helen M & Robert G S	3,109.78	* Morrell Jeffrey Jr	379.93
Howard Mark c/o Robert Burns	607.56	Murney Family Irrevoc. Childrens Trust	727.43
Hyde Frederick G	921.10	* Murphy Jane E	1,574.41
Jones Howard F Jr	1,014.10	Murray George A	713.70
Kane Mitchell E & Alice C	630.13	Myers Lenard A & Dana	910.92
Kelley Edward & Patricia	883.66	Mynahan Bruce & Linda	33.23
Kelley Edward & Patricia	531.31	Nelson Joseph W & Elizabeth H	1,360.60
Kelly David	1,291.37	Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke	1,789.74
Kennedy Joseph	117.73	Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke	399.55
* Kerr Margery L	2,629.10	Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke	329.40

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Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke .....	337.33	Sifton Samuel & Charles T & John PG .....	1,144.55
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke .....	337.33	* Small Gary & Ania .....	4,038.52
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke .....	337.33	Smith Richard N & Velma Hrs of .....	738.71
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke .....	326.35	Sprague Sarah V .....	2,060.26
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke .....	319.03	Stancombe Richard E & Kris A .....	354.15
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke .....	319.03	Taylor Anne .....	2,084.98
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke .....	337.33	Taylor G Donald .....	410.41
Northern New England Telephone .....	1,332.24	Thackery Ann M .....	1,126.06
O'Connor Kevin M & Mary Bradstreet .....	119.56	* Thibault M Irene .....	3,839.31
O'Neil Lynn A .....	1,698.24	Thompson Shirley .....	1,058.96
* Ober Diane .....	5,624.81	Thorburn Stanley B .....	1,155.34
Ormsby Robert ID .....	492.27	Thorburn Stanley B .....	892.10
Orrino Anthony .....	269.01	Thorburn Stanley B .....	3,873.66
* Packard Nathaniel .....	222.09	* Tisdale Greg & Jennifer .....	1,702.51
Palmer Carol A .....	1,180.87	* Tisdale Gregory & Jennifer .....	2,728.53
Pancione Michael, Thomas & Christopher Upchurch .....	1,349.32	* Tisdale Gregory & Jennifer .....	1,198.65
Paradis Richard C .....	947.33	Tobey Carol c/o Lynda Bobb .....	262.91
Parent Norman C .....	970.81	* Tondreau David & Phyllis D .....	313.54
Parent Norman C .....	3,273.13	* Tondreau Stephen G & Catherine .....	1,034.63
Parker Kristine Ellen .....	1,264.40	Toothaker Fred O .....	394.22
Patterson J Marshall Per Rep .....	3,816.16	Toothaker Rudolph O Jr & David .....	485.56
Peet Deborah .....	660.02	Trusiani Lisa M & Richard L PA .....	328.79
Perkins Carolyn Ann .....	484.03	Tuttle Geraldine Pers Rep .....	515.54
Perkins Joan M .....	759.45	* Vance Stephen & Gloria .....	849.42
Perry Beth Ann .....	86.91	Varney James & Edland & Kenneth Barent Roger .....	112.24
Perry Rosemarie & Daniel .....	4,190.09	Kimberly Sullivan .....	
Phelan Amy K & William .....	1,813.53	Veneziano Daniele & Zahava .....	863.15
Piel Stobie .....	10.92	Vigna Victor J Jr & Ruth E .....	1,543.30
Piscecek Gertrude L .....	1,046.51	Wallace James, William, Bea Cunningham, .....	675.88
Proom Carol M & Elizabeth, Nick, .....	1,529.88	Mary & Amy Goodenow .....	
Margaret Kuhn & Sarah Fowler .....		Wallace Mark .....	107.05
Prosser Paul S .....	1,157.17	Walsh Laura, Diana Lederman & James .....	1,356.89
Prosser Paul S .....	199.47	Ward Lewis V .....	2,206.98
Prosser Paul S .....	1,630.53	Ward Lewis V .....	603.90
Prosser Paul S .....	4,194.36	** Ward Timothy (Person in possession) .....	1,809.87
Purinton Bruce G Jr .....	1,051.03	Ware David .....	556.62
Purinton Bruce G Jr .....	2,665.70	* Warner Jo M .....	190.93
Ramsay Sherry, Richard, Arlene, .....	1,278.04	Warner John M Jr & Prudence .....	1,376.77
Craig, Suzanna & Jamie .....		Watson Mark E & Jennifer O .....	1,104.71
Randall William & Heather .....	4,470.64	* Webster Lisa R .....	1,510.36
Reims Edgar A & Ellen Quinlan .....	854.91	Weinert Frederick & Stephen .....	310.49
Ring Scott .....	2,639.47	Werler Edward .....	760.67
Robbins Stephen .....	473.97	* Whalen James .....	3,126.86
* Rogers Glenn E .....	1,118.74	* Whittemore Kelsey E .....	613.27
Rogers Jon .....	325.74	Wilkes Carol S .....	1,571.12
Rogers Jon .....	1,345.05	Yancey David C .....	2,677.90
* Royall Mark S .....	271.34	York Adam .....	1,294.42
* Saraswati Swami Satyadharma .....	248.88	* Zahradka Frank T .....	1,434.11
Savage George W .....	371.49	* Zahradka Frank T .....	896.09
Savage George W .....	581.94		
Savage George W .....	952.82		
* Sawyer Alan G & Cynthia R Trustees .....	3,151.26		
		<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>340,173.65</b>

# 2014 Unpaid Taxes (cont.)

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## 2014 UNPAID PERSONAL PROPERTY

* Craig Assoc .....	2.13
* Longley Health Ctr.....	27.45
* Perkins Seafood.....	21.04
* Red Fish Assoc Inc c/o Ben Wallace .....	15.86
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>66.48</b>

## 2013 TAXES TO LIEN

Alexander Ruth Hrs of .....	1,869.83
Allen Harry R.....	346.17
Allison G Christopher & Jean C Bleecker .....	990.38
Anderson Donald W & Rosa T.....	990.69
Austin David .....	116.76
Bibber Michael & Mary L .....	356.90
Brown Anne G .....	1,348.47
Brown Anne G .....	1,127.10
Brown Brandon .....	120.22
Center Island Terrace LLC .....	1,348.47
Center Island Terrace LLC .....	2,125.88
Chipman Stephen & Caroroll M.....	487.25
Chipman Stephen & Caroroll M.....	1,147.33
Coffin Jon R Jr & Brian D & L Pennell .....	28.90
& Roger C Sirois & Alfred .....	
Colburn David .....	1,975.03
Colburn David .....	745.62
Colburn David .....	565.28
Conant Francis R & Hazel C .....	1,139.13
Coulombe Sandra W .....	2,646.08
Crosman Jamie A .....	510.95
Crosman Jamie A .....	482.63
Darling Brandy.....	1,692.38
Davis Michael .....	77.45
Dingley Sandra A & Bard Linda .....	2,753.01
Elliott Ricky & Wendy.....	997.68
Evans Barry.....	551.99
Goodenow Joey A .....	83.23
Graham Robert E.....	1,889.48
Havas Peter.....	1,611.98
Hodell Lori.....	90.75
Hyde Frederick.....	667.09
Kane Mitchell E & Alice C.....	597.07
Kelly David Trustee .....	1,223.63
Kennedy Joseph .....	169.35
Koenig Lisa & Linda Ingram Daniel T & Laurie A Bowie.....	1,332.29
Leahy Thomas J, Patricia M & Joseph M & Dorothy A.....	4,311.88
Maney Harold Sr .....	782.82
Marr Maurita .....	2,690.01
Mattsen Kenneth .....	391.30
Mattsen Kenneth .....	329.31
Mitchell Lynette.....	243.59
Morgan Linda .....	1,188.37
Morgan Maurice F & Veronica.....	1,091.26
Murray George A .....	676.26
Nordwall Alan Jr & Michelle Zuehlke .....	1,695.22
O'Connor Kevin M & Mary Bradstreet .....	113.29
Ormsby Robert ID .....	466.45
Purinton Bruce G Jr .....	995.89
Purinton Bruce G Jr .....	2,525.86
Ring Scott D .....	2,501.01
Savage George W .....	352.00
Savage George W .....	551.41
Savage George W .....	902.84
Smith Richard N & Velma Hrs of.....	564.32
Thompson Shirley .....	1,003.41
Tobey Sr Carroll .....	55.09
Ward Lewis V.....	1,076.02
**Ward Timothy (Person in possession) .....	1,714.93
Weinert Frederick & Stephen .....	281.15
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>60,710.14</b>

## 2012 TAXES TO LIEN

Coffin Jon, Brian D, L Pennell, Roger Sirois & Alfred.....	28.80
Davis Michael .....	77.18
Hodell Lori .....	90.43
Kennedy Joseph .....	38.92
O'Connor Kevin M & Mary Bradstreet .....	199.30
**Ward Timothy (Person in possession) .....	783.13
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>1,217.76</b>

## 2011 TAXES TO LIEN

Coffin Jon, Brian D, L Pennell, Roger Sirois & Alfred.....	29.00
Davis Michael .....	77.72
Hodell Lori .....	91.06
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>197.78</b>

## 2010 TAXES TO LIEN

Hodell Lori.....	96.60
Davis Michael .....	80.40
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>177.00</b>

## 2009 TAXES TO LIEN

Hodell Lori.....	81.83
Davis Michael .....	82.95
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>164.78</b>

## 2008 TAXES TO LIEN

Hodell Lori.....	81.83
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>81.83</b>

## 2007 TAXES TO LIEN

Hodell Lori.....	77.09
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>77.09</b>

## 2006 TAXES TO LIEN

Hodell Lori.....	152.92
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>152.92</b>

## 2005 TAXES TO LIEN

Hodell Lori.....	146.96
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>146.96</b>

## \*\*Tax-Acquired as of December 15, 2013

## 2014 ABATEMENTS

Rodney & Karen Moody.....	253.76
Leon & Arlene Proctor.....	70.76
Dain Allen .....	65.82
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>390.34</b>

## 2007 ABATEMENTS

James Groves.....	79.52
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>79.52</b>

## 2006 ABATEMENTS

James Groves.....	15.69
<b>TOTAL .....</b>	<b>15.69</b>

## ***Town Clerk's Report***

### **Dogs: 1,038 dogs and 2 kennels licensed**

All dogs six months and older must be licensed. You must provide a current rabies certificate and proof of spaying or neutering. All licenses expire December 31. Our office holds a rabies clinic at the Town Office the first Saturday in January for any dog or cat that needs to be vaccinated. Those who attend need to bring a copy of the animal's last rabies certificate if it is not on file at the Town Clerk's Office. You can also register your dogs online through a link at [harpswell.maine.gov](http://harpswell.maine.gov)

### **Hunting/Fishing Licenses: 398 Licenses**

When purchasing a hunting or archery license for the first time from our office, you must provide proof of having a previous license or proof of having taken a Safety Course. Hunting and fishing licenses can be purchased online through a link at [harpswell.maine.gov](http://harpswell.maine.gov).

### **Registered Businesses: 5**

<b>Elections and Town Meetings:</b>	<b>Votes Cast</b>	
March 15, 2014 Annual Town Meeting	654	16.5%
May 23, 2014 District Budget Meeting	17	.4%
June 10, 2014 State Primary M.S.A.D. #75 Budget Validation Referendum & Municipal Referendum	757	19.4%
November 4, 2014 State General & Referendum Election	3,069	77%

### **Shellfish Licenses:**

Commercial Resident	60
Commercial Non-Resident	6
Commercial Senior Resident	5
Recreational Resident	150
Recreational Non-Resident	14
Senior Resident	13
Senior Non-Resident	1

### **Moorings:**

Residents & Taxpayers	2,228
Non-Residents	100
Rental	79
State of Maine	11
Town	2

### **Vital Records Requests: 370**

Copies of Birth, Marriage and Death records are \$15.00 for the first copy and \$6.00 for each additional copy purchased at the same time.

### **Notary Services: 325**



## ***Vital Statistics***

Births: 21

Marriages: 45

Deaths: 60

*We said farewell to the following people this past year:*

Arthur (Sonny) G. Powers III	1/6	56	James E. Davis	7/19	74
Paula L. Apicella	1/8	69	Payson W. Tucker III	7/21	65
Christina S. Wilkins	1/11	61	Elaine G. Bride	7/26	92
Margaret B. Montalvo	1/15	93	Frances M. McDermott	7/27	94
Robert E. Sammons	1/18	87	Michel A. Hoffman	7/31	60
Susan L. Colfer	1/23	63	Andrew I. Dodge	8/1	46
Richard (Dick) E. Prosser	2/9	79	Dolores T. Carrier	8/2	89
George H. Schnake Jr.	2/13	84	Emile J. Chonko	8/8	81
James C. Manny	2/26	80	Norma F. J. McLoughlin	8/12	84
Teresa D. Alexander	3/2	65	Ronald S. Breton	8/20	80
William T. Utley Sr.	3/4	100	Herman N. Brown	8/23	75
Stanley C. Baker	3/8	79	Glenn E. Barrett	8/27	83
Mary Evelyn Muldoon	3/14	99	Harvey B. Lesh Jr.	8/28	88
William E. Petty	3/15	78	Russell J. Keene	9/8	67
Blair C. Brown Jr.	3/18	56	Sally C. Brooks	9/10	56
Dr. Richard Shulman	3/21	71	F. Edward Evans	9/14	92
Robert D. Gordon	3/27	60	Lowell M. Bollinger	9/25	91
James G. McLoughlin	3/31	94	Katherine C. Arsenault	9/26	91
John L. Alexander	4/10	66	Jack L. Clark	9/27	73
Barbara D. Munsey	4/12	89	Elizabeth J. Fulmer	10/2	88
Josephine Atlass	4/13	88	Arlene E. Proctor	10/4	89
Albert E. Johnson	4/23	94	Grace M. Lane	10/6	87
Jeannette Freson	5/6	92	Janet G. Bonney	10/24	90
Thomas J. Kennedy Jr.	5/6	86	Barbara L. McLaughlin	10/26	80
Angie A. Laverdiere	5/8	90	Paul R. Lucas	11/2	87
Verda M. Lube	5/10	84	Wilbert G. Mallett	11/4	64
Alfred (Rick) O. Pullen	5/13	77	John M. Vanderzanden	11/8	96
Patricia A. Scheuerman	5/18	65	Zola M. Kreiger	11/9	102
Sandra M. Moreau	5/19	50	Richard E. Morgan	11/13	77
Chester (Gene) E. Morgan	5/19	70	Hervey J. Gravel	11/14	92
John D. Chiquoine	6/27	86	Edward (Ned) Dewey	11/20	88
Rev. Richard L. Gelwick	6/29	83	Elisabeth M. Boeke	12/7	93
Michael E. Pearson	7/1	68	Orlando J. Mingarelli Jr.	12/7	82
Granville F. Johnson	7/17	90			

## ***Road Commissioner***

Where has the time gone? It is closing in on March 2015, and the Road Commissioner has been on the job for three years. Getting to know many residents of Harpswell and hearing their concerns helped the Road Commissioner to better understand issues and develop solutions to road matters that were brought to his attention. By listening to problems, the Commissioner was often able to suggest acceptable solutions to the matter at hand. If someone remained unsatisfied, at a minimum, the person gained a better understanding of the rationale behind the Road Commissioner's response. The Commissioner has appreciated receiving input as it is difficult for one person to be aware of all that is affecting the conditions of Harpswell's roads.

2014 was another good year for getting roads worked on and brought up to current standards. Work done on capital road projects included major improvements to Abner Point, Bayview, Steamboat Wharf and Washington Avenue. Due to the amount of rain in the fall, there is still some work left to be done. That work will take place in spring 2015, as soon as the weather permits, and then the final and second coat of asphalt will be applied.

Jobs completed under the maintenance budget included the tarring of the crosscuts at Mitchell Field where pipes were removed during the decommissioning of the Fuel Depot. Thanks are extended to the contractor who did this work as well as to the various other contractors and crews who do everything from major reconstruction to mowing to plowing to keeping Harpswell roads in good shape. Their services in care of Harpswell's roads are appreciated.

## ***Treasurer's Report***

At the end of 2014, the Town's cash balances totaled \$5,028,136, which included approximately \$310,000 of unexpended bond proceeds and \$638,000 dedicated to the purchase of emergency vehicles.

Long-term borrowings outstanding at December 31, 2014 totaled \$3,061,668, excluding interest. During 2014, \$419,334 in principal was repaid as scheduled and a general obligation bond of \$600,000 was issued. All borrowings were or will be used to fund either the Town's long-term road rehabilitation plan or its emergency services vehicle program, excepting the 2004 issue which included funds for the restoration of the Old Town Meetinghouse.

In 2012, the Town entered into a capital lease agreement pursuant to which it purchased equipment to upgrade the broadcasting ability of the community's television station. The equipment, which cost \$81,902, was funded in part by previous appropriations of the Town and in part by grants required under the franchise agreement with the Town's cable provider and is located in both the television studio building and in the media room at the Town office. At the end of 2014, the Town's obligation under the capital lease agreement was \$30,000.

Since 2007, the Town has appropriated \$875,000 and borrowed \$1.1 million to fund the vehicle needs of the three volunteer fire & rescue entities which serve the Town. Seven vehicles have been purchased to date at a cost of \$1,386,416. The lease arrangements require the departments to insure and maintain the vehicles, however, there are no lease payments required.

The unexpended bond proceeds will be used to fund the completion of capital road projects begun in 2014. No new borrowing is anticipated for 2015; however, any major capital need would likely require one.

During 2014, capital outlays totaled approximately \$1.24 million.

- The Town's 2013 road project, which rehabilitated five roads, and the replacement of the wide-span culvert on Bethel Point, both of which were begun in 2013, were completed. Expenditures for these projects totaled nearly \$1.1 million over the two years.
- A second road project, which included Bayview, Abner Point and Steamboat Wharf roads and Washington Avenue was begun with \$470,000 having been expended. Completion of this project is expected to occur in the Spring of 2015 at an estimated additional cost of \$ 176,000.
- The building which houses the dedicated paramedic and intercept vehicle was completed at a cost of \$150,000.
- The Town acquired a parcel abutting an existing Town landing on Lookout Point for \$72,500.
- A project to stabilize the embankment at the beginning of Long Point Road, which is expected to cost approximately \$90,000 was begun, but requires easements from abutting property owners and permitting by the State, the timing of which is uncertain.

The Town has entered into a contract for the purchase of an ambulance to be leased to Harpswell Neck Fire & Rescue in the amount of \$217,588 which is expected to be delivered in 2015.

Effective July 1, 2014, the Town entered into a one-year lease extension with Harpswell Coastal Academy (“HCA”) for the use of the former West Harpswell School property. Lease payments for the July/June fiscal year are \$40,000, of which \$20,000 was received in 2014. The Town is in continuing discussion with HCA for the sale of the property.

The Town accepted the gift of an easement that would allow beach access in the Cedar Beach area.

The Town will continue to assess the needs to upgrade the infrastructure at Mitchell Field, a major asset with business development possibilities. During 2012, a portion of the pier structure at Mitchell Field collapsed, and it is believed that certain of the remaining supports have been eroded. The Town must determine whether the pier should be replaced, demolished or rehabilitated in whole or in part. The cost of some of these alternatives has been estimated by an independent consultant to be in the \$1.7 to \$2 million range.

The collection rate of real estate taxes continues to exceed 95% in the year of assessment. Despite this high collection rate and a policy which requires that the year-end general fund be able to cover three months of expenditures, the Town borrows on a short-term basis to fund its budgeted expenditures. \$2.8 million was borrowed in 2013 and repaid prior to year-end with an interest cost of \$8,826.

The Town funds nearly 50% of its municipal budget with revenues from sources other than property taxes, e.g. excise tax, mooring fees, permitting fees, fund balance. Excise tax receipts increased in 2014 to \$1,053,000 from \$1,021,000 in 2013 after a number of years of having been flat. The decision to adopt single-stream recycling caused a slight decline in revenues in 2014, however, the decline was mitigated by the efforts of the recycling center staff who are vigilant in removing items from the compactors which have been disposed of improperly.

2014 budgeted amounts that were not spent and therefore lapsed to the general fund included general administration (\$11,283), Town clerk’s office (\$11,953), snow removal (\$10,740) and marine patrol contract (\$28,849). These amounts are available to reduce the 2015 tax commitment.

The 2014 tax rate increased 5.5% from 2013 as the Town’s assessments by MSAD 75 and Cumberland County increased and increases may continue. The administration of the Town will work, as always, to keep costs down and manage non-property tax revenues, without reducing the quality of services provided in order to avoid spikes in the tax rate.

## Debt Service on Long-Term Debt

### 2015 - 2025 (Dollar amounts in thousands)

Issue	Interest Rate, %	Original Amount	Balance 1/1/2015	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
<b>Amortization:</b>													
<b>Existing Debt</b>													
2004 G.O. Bond	4.18	\$700.0	\$116.7	\$58.3	\$58.4								
2008 G. O. Bond	2.075 - 5.575	\$500.0	\$200.0	\$50.0	\$50.0	\$50.0							
2009 G. O. Bond	2.08 - 5.58	\$650.0	\$325.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0	\$65.0						
2010 G. O. Bond	2.0 - 5.5	\$600.0	\$360.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0					
2011 G. O. Bond	2.12 - 5.62	\$800.0	\$560.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0	\$80.0				
2013 G. O. Bond	.60-2.38	\$1,000.0	\$900.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$100.0			
2014 G. O. Bond	2.3	\$600.0	\$600.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0	\$60.0		\$60.0
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$3,061.7</b>	<b>\$473.3</b>	<b>\$473.4</b>	<b>\$415.0</b>	<b>\$415.0</b>	<b>\$365.0</b>	<b>\$300.0</b>	<b>\$240.0</b>	<b>\$160.0</b>	<b>\$160.0</b>	<b>\$60.0</b>
Interest:				\$67.9	\$56.4	\$46.9	\$38.8	\$28.1	\$20.3	\$13.9	\$8.8	\$5.2	\$1.4
<b>Total Debt Service</b>				<b>\$541.2</b>	<b>\$529.8</b>	<b>\$461.9</b>	<b>\$453.8</b>	<b>\$393.1</b>	<b>\$320.3</b>	<b>\$253.9</b>	<b>\$168.8</b>	<b>\$165.2</b>	<b>\$61.4</b>

**Notes:**

2004 Issue: Capital Road project (7 roads), Old Town Meetinghouse restoration.

2008 Issue: Emergency Services Vehicles

2009 Issue: Ash Point Road rehabilitation

2010 Issue: Emergency Services Vehicles

2011 Issue: Road projects, including Lowell'sCove, Lane & Little Island Roads; Bethel Point culvert replacement, other not yet specified.

2013 Issue: Road projects, including Shore Acres, Thompson, Hildreth, Wharf & Long Point roads.

2014 Issue: Road projects, including Bayview, Abner Point and Steamboat Wharf roads and Washington Avenue.

Marguerite Kelly, Treasurer





## CUMBERLAND COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

- Kevin J. Joyce  
SHERIFF
- Naldo S. Gagnon  
CHIEF DEPUTY

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February 3, 2015

Dear Citizens of Harpswell,

As we begin a new year, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office continues to be committed to providing you with the most efficient, professional, and community-oriented law enforcement services possible.

During 2014, with the exception of the month of November, the Cumberland County Sheriff's Office responded to fewer calls for service per month than in 2013. It is my hope that our presence in the Town of Harpswell and the good work by our patrol and marine patrol deputies had a great deal to do with this decrease. We did see an increase in vehicle, residential and commercial burglaries during the summer, but in early September, we arrested suspects who were responsible for the vehicle and residential burglaries.

We are continuing with the CALEA (Commission of Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies) project, which has been in progress for two and a half years. The accreditation process requires us to take a close look at the way "we do business", to analyze it, and determine if we are utilizing best practices. We have become one of a few law enforcement agencies in a network of law enforcement agencies that support each other, and value the level of services that we provide to the citizens of Cumberland County. We have scheduled our final audit for June of 2015, so we will be accredited by July.

The Town of Harpswell is one of the most unique areas that we patrol, with the deputies wearing many hats. Along with regular law enforcement duties, are the marine patrol duties. These duties encompass not only law enforcement skills, but environmental knowledge, and marine conservation. Because of our close interaction with the community, we are not just an outside body enforcing laws; we feel that we have become part of it.

It is an honor serving as your Sheriff. Thank you for your support. Please remember that my door is always open. I value customer service, and I value your suggestions and input.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "KJ Joyce", written over a horizontal line.

Kevin J. Joyce, Sheriff

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***Cumberland County Sheriff's Office***

Law Total Incident Report by Nature of Incident

Total Incidents: 3210

<b><u>Nature of Incident</u></b>	<b><u>Total Incidents</u></b>	<b><u>Nature of Incident</u></b>	<b><u>Total Incidents</u></b>
911 Cell Hang-up	110	Fireworks	25
911 Hang up	45	Fish and Game Violation	20
911 Misdial	19	Found Property	14
Abandoned Vehicle	4	Fraud	14
Accident, Fatal	1	Harassment	18
Accident w/ Property Damage	67	Information Report	30
Accident w/ Personal Injury	22	Inspection Permit	11
Accident Reconstruction	2	Intoxicated Person	2
Agency Assistance	162	Juvenile Problem	16
Alarm	196	Litter/Pollution/Public Health	8
Animal Euthanize	8	Lost Property	14
Animal Problem	15	Loud Party Music	4
Arson	1	Marine Assit to DRM	8
Arson Simple	10	Marine Conservation	76
Assist Fire Department	1	Marine Digger Inspection	104
Attempt to Locate	88	Marine Resource Boat Patrol	24
Bail Check	1	Marine Resource Inspection	1
Boating Accident	2	Mental Health Event	4
Burglary	22	Official Misconduct	13
Burglary to Motor Vehicle	12	Missing / Lost Person	7
Canine Callout	3	Operating Under Influence	2
Concealed Firearms Request	30	Parking Problem	9
Child Abuse or Neglect	6	Pedestrian Check	5
Citizen Assist	188	Property Check	886
Citizen Dispute	13	Property Damage, Non Vandalism	1
Civil Dispute	5	Prowler	1
Community Policing	4	Relay/Transfer	2
Court Service	24	Sex Offender Registry Verification	18
Criminal Mischief	28	Sex Offense	4
Criminal Trespass	16	Sex Offender Registry	1
Crusier Accident	1	Speed Complaint	17
Custodial Interference	5	Stray Animal	2
Death Unattended/Attended	10	Suicide	12
Debris in Road	8	Suspicious Person/Circumstance	63
Delivery Message	2	Theft	36
Direct Traffic	1	Theft Vehicle	1
Disabled Vehicle	36	Threatening	10
Disorderly Conduct	2	Traffic Detail	9
Disturbance	33	Traffic Hazard	25
Domestic Violence	3	Traffic Violation	340
Domestic Assault	6	Underage Drinking	1
Domestic Verbal Argument	8	Unsecure Premise	4
Drug Recognition Expert	1	Unwanted Phone Calls	3
Controlled Substance Problem	5	Vehicle Off Road - No Damage	32
Evidence Technican Work Order	8	VIN Number Inspection	7
Equipment Problem	2	Walk-in Paperwork	3
Escort	9	Wanted Person	6
FI Motor Vehicle Accident	1	Weapons Offense	16
FI Aircraft Emergency	1	Welfare Check	33
Fight in Process	1		

## HARPSWELL STATISTICS

Month	Calls for Service	Citations	Written Traffic Warnings	Traffic Stops	Reportable Accidents	Non-Reportable Accidents
January	232	6	11	32	6	5
February	220	9	18	28	3	3
March	243	9	9	42	4	0
April	264	4	27	51	2	2
May	290	12	11	27	4	4
June	254	8	11	19	5	2
July	308	11	9	26	7	2
August	330	30	17	31	6	0
September	271	10	6	31	3	4
October	264	7	2	6	7	0
November	311	8	12	29	11	4
December	223	5	8	18	3	4

## MARINE PATROL STATISTICS

Total Coves Checked	2,762
Total Landings Checked	598
Total Marine Digger Inspections	140
Total Bushels Checked	616
Total Assists to DMR	3
Total Fish and Game Violations	20
Total Property Checks	50
Total Assists to Patrol	151
Total Boat Hours	113

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## United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510-1904

Dear Friends:

In November, the people of Maine entrusted me to serve another term in the United States Senate. I am deeply honored to serve you and will continue to work to bridge the partisan divide and to forge bipartisan solutions to the many challenges our nation faces. With the New Year just beginning, I welcome this opportunity to reflect on some of my work from this past year and to highlight some of my priorities for the year ahead.

The biggest challenge facing our State remains the need for more jobs so that Mainers can stay in our great State to live, work, and raise their families. Since small businesses create the vast majority of jobs, we must help them to start up, grow, and succeed. We must update our tax code to encourage small business investment in equipment and other assets, cut the red tape that is hampering job creators, build the transportation and energy infrastructure to support an expanding economy. We must also foster opportunities for key industries, from agriculture to defense. We must ensure that our workers have the skills they need for the jobs of today and tomorrow. These initiatives will remain my top priorities in the new Congress.

I am pleased to report a number of successes from this past year, including provisions from my "Seven Point Plan for Maine Jobs." My proposals to streamline job training programs and better match workers' skills with employers' needs were enacted as part of a workforce investment act. I helped secure promising manufacturing opportunities for our state—from requiring the military to buy American-made athletic footwear for new recruits, just as it does for other uniform items, to an additional Department of Energy investment in the deepwater, offshore wind power project being developed by the University of Maine, Maine Maritime Academy, and private companies. For Maine agriculture, I succeeded in including the fresh, white potato in a federal nutrition program from which it has been the only vegetable to be excluded.

Also last year, I was pleased to join in the christening of the *USS Zumwalt* at Bath Iron Works, a Navy ship for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century that will help protect our nation and strengthen one of Maine's most vital industries. And, for Veterans living in rural areas, I secured a two-year extension of the successful Access Received Closer to Home program, which is improving access to health care for Veterans in northern Maine. Finally, after several years in the making, I am delighted that Congress has approved my legislation to form a commission – at no cost to taxpayers – on the creation of a National Women's History Museum. A museum recognizing the contributions of American women is long overdue, and this bill is an important first step toward that goal.

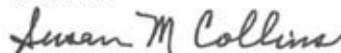
In the new Congress, I will serve as Chairman of the Transportation Appropriations Subcommittee. This position will allow me to continue working to ensure investments are made in critical transportation infrastructure, which is essential for our safety and economic growth. To date, Maine has received more than \$90 million for highway, bridge, airport, rail, and port projects through the successful TIGER grant program.

I will also serve at the helm of the Senate Special Committee on Aging in the 114<sup>th</sup> Congress, a position I sought because Maine has the highest median age in the nation. Working to address pressing issues facing our seniors, from long-term care and retirement security to the vast potential of biomedical research, will be on our agenda. Preventing and effectively treating Alzheimer's should be an urgent national priority as this devastating disease continues to take such a personal and economic toll on more than five million Americans and their families. The Committee will also continue to focus on the scams and frauds targeting our senior citizens and has a toll-free hotline (1-855-303-9470) where seniors and their loved ones can report suspected fraud.

A Maine value that always guides me is our unsurpassed work ethic. As 2014 ended, I continued my record of never missing a roll-call vote since my Senate service began in 1997; a tally that now stands at more than 5,700 consecutive votes.

I am grateful for the opportunity to serve the great State of Maine and the people of Harpswell. If ever I can be of assistance to you, please contact my Portland Constituent Services Center at (207) 780-3575, or visit my website at [www.collins.senate.gov](http://www.collins.senate.gov).

Sincerely,



Susan M. Collins  
United States Senator



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Dear Friends,

It has been a privilege to serve the State of Maine since being sworn into the U.S. Senate in January of 2013. First off, I want to make sure you know how to reach my offices, as I welcome your thoughts, questions, or concerns. You can call our toll-free, in-state line at **1-800-432-1599**. In addition, our local numbers are as follows: Augusta (207) 622-8292, Presque Isle (207) 764-5124, Scarborough (207) 883-1588, and Washington D.C. (202) 224-5344. You can also provide your input on our website at [www.king.senate.gov](http://www.king.senate.gov).

Maine is a large state; I know that traveling to our offices can present logistical and financial challenges, which is why our team implemented an outreach program, **Your Government Your Neighborhood**. My staff has been traveling to communities throughout the state for two years now, hosting office hours for local residents. Since we began, we have made over 400 trips and plan to increase that throughout 2015.

If we haven't yet been to your town office, community library, or school, or hosted an information table at a local non-profit, please let us know!

My work in Washington this year has been broad reaching, and I am committed to continue this work in a transparent and nonpartisan manner.

My projects have included:

- Overseeing national security and defense issues from ISIS to cybersecurity
- Continuing efforts to simplify student loans and make higher education more affordable
- Easing the regulatory burdens facing Maine businesses, farms, and schools
- Co-sponsoring budget initiatives for a smarter economic direction
- Supporting vital infrastructure and highway investments
- Tackling climate change mitigation and its long-term impacts
- Ensuring financial transparency in politics through campaign finance reform
- Promoting the growth of rural internet access
- Co-sponsoring legislation to help working families get paid leave to care for loved ones

I am tremendously grateful for the opportunity to serve you and will keep you informed of my activities in Maine and Washington.

Sincerely,



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CHELLIE PINGREE  
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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. It's an honor to represent you in Congress. Thank you for the chance to update you on my work there and in Maine.

Like many here at home, I find the current partisan environment in Washington and Congress to be very frustrating. Attempts to take away people's health care, weaken environmental protections, and stoke controversy have been put ahead of more meaningful work to create jobs, help people through tough times, and give our children a better future.

Still, I have tried to find opportunities to work on issues where my colleagues across the aisle and I can find agreement. As a member of the minority party, I'm very proud that these efforts have earned several legislative victories that benefit the people of our state.

One of the most significant was passage of a Farm Bill containing many reforms I introduced to help the kind of small, diversified, family farms that we have here in Maine. These included more funding to help these farms meet the growing demand for healthy local food, as well as better insurance to fit their needs and helping SNAP recipients use benefits at farmers markets.

Another bill I introduced was signed into law, initiating a study of the York River to see if it is a good candidate for the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers program. The classification would help protect this important natural resource while potentially bringing more visitors to the area and an increased amount of federal investment for its conservation. As a member of the House Appropriations Committee, I've worked to secure other investments for the state as well, including \$20 million to replace a crumbling, unhealthy and outdated tribal school in Washington County.

But not all the work I do is from Washington. My offices in Portland and Waterville assist hundreds of constituents every year who have issues with federal agencies and programs—veterans benefits, Social Security, and passports among them. If you have a problem where I might be of assistance, I encourage you to call (207) 774-5019. My staff and I welcome the opportunity to serve you.

Again, it's a pleasure to represent you in Congress. Please keep in touch.

Best wishes,

Chellie Pingree  
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*127th Legislature*  
***Senate of Maine***  
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***Senator Stan Gerzofsky***

Dear Residents of Harpswell,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as your State Senator during the 127<sup>th</sup> Session of the Maine State Legislature. I appreciate the faith you have placed in me once again, and I promise to continue working hard to represent you in Augusta.

This year I am pleased once again to be serving on the Criminal Justice and Public Safety Committee. This committee is charged with reviewing legislation and policy that will improve our justice system. Key to our success will be our ability to work across the aisle so we can address the pressing needs around the state.

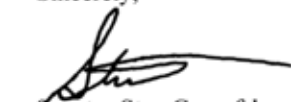
I am also pleased to be serving on the Government Oversight Committee. The mission of this committee is to oversee program evaluation and government accountability matters in State government. The Committee seeks to ensure that public funds are expended for intended purposes, and that programs and activities are effectively, efficiently and economically managed.

Some of the issues we will be dealing with in this upcoming legislative session include the state economy, welfare reform, student hunger, affordable housing for the elderly and energy policy. This session, I have submitted legislation that will address access to affordable higher education, provide funding for municipal veteran cemeteries, prohibit excessive idling of passenger trains and preserve the integrity of Maine's shellfish industry.

As always, I welcome your opinion and feedback as your Maine Legislature does its work. I am deeply proud to represent the people of Harpswell, and welcome your ideas, concerns, and questions. You may reach me at home at (207) 373-1328, in Augusta at (207) 287-1515, and by email at stan1340@aol.com. In addition, I encourage you to drop by my office hours the first Saturday of every month from 10:00-noon at the Little Dog Coffee Shop in Brunswick. It is a great opportunity for me to hear from my constituents.

Once again, thank you for giving me the opportunity to represent our district in this great state, and more importantly, to serve you. Please know that I will work hard for our community.

Sincerely,

  
Senator Stan Gerzofsky  
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Dear Harpswell Residents,

It is an honor to serve as your State Representative. I pledge to earn your trust through the work I do both at the State House and in the community.

We are going to take on a number of big issues in Augusta this year, from the state budget, to strengthening our schools, supporting senior citizens, property tax relief, jobs, wages, entrepreneurship, veterans, the working waterfront, the social safety net, access to affordable health care, energy costs, student debt, the condition of our ocean and many more.

I'm happy to report that I have been appointed to the Legislature's Marine Resources Committee. For many years now, Harpswell's representative has been chosen to focus on marine policy, and I'm glad that this tradition will continue. I want to make sure Maine manages its resources in a way that better balances harvesting and sustainability and also puts more emphasis on maximizing the economic gains for harvesters. Thousands of people depend on marine life – directly and indirectly – to make a living, and it's important to be a voice for them in Augusta.

I have also been appointed to serve on the Judiciary Committee, where I will work to protect basic fairness and equal protection under the law for all Maine people.

Whether we are dealing with the above issues or any other topic, I stand ready to work with all of my colleagues, regardless of party affiliation, to make sure we're doing the best work we can for the people of our district and all the people of Maine.

Please contact me if I can be of any help or if you want to discuss or testify on any legislation. My email is [jay.mccreight@legislature.maine.gov](mailto:jay.mccreight@legislature.maine.gov) and my phone number is 449-3293. I also send out e-newsletters from time to time. Let me know if you would like to receive them.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joyce E. McCreight".

Joyce "Jay" McCreight  
State Representative

## ***Budget Advisory Committee***

The Budget Advisory Committee met weekly during October, November, and part of December, and, with the help of information supplied by the Town Office staff, reviewed details of the proposed 2015 budget. The Committee has recommended to the Board of Selectmen a 2015 municipal budget consisting of \$4,529,383 which is below the LD1 limit of \$4,545,407 by \$16,024.

The recommended 2015 budget shows a net increase of \$65,801 (about 1.5%) over the 2014 budget. New items and items of significant change are listed below.

The recommended appropriations include an across-the-board 2% increase for the town employees. Additionally, in 2014 the Town approved a salary and wage study/review. As a result of that study, adjustments have been recommended for some employees' salaries due to longevity. Also some employees are to receive salary/wage adjustments in 2015 because their current salaries/wages are lower than newly established minimums for their positions. Due to all these adjustments, there is a recommended increase in salaries and wages of \$37,365, or approximately 4.3%.

### **New Items in the 2015 Budget:**

<b><u>Purpose</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Explanation</u></b>
Cedar Beach/Cedar Island Support	\$ 110,000	Request to assist with legal fees associated with the expected final acquisition of public access for the beach/island/road.
Public Transportation Pilot Program	\$ 9,000	A trial program (in cooperation with Coastal Transportation (Brunswick)) to provide public transportation one day per week with routes along Routes 123 and 24, and the Cundy's Harbor Road.
Reinstatement of Property Tax Assistance Program	\$ 10,000	With the revised Maine law, Harpswell proposes to reinstate its program to offer some property tax relief to eligible Harpswell residents. With the proposed addition of \$10,000, the balance in this dedicated fund will be \$25,702.
Centralized EMS Planning	\$ 5,000	Potential future site plan development for the Town's centralized EM service.
Life Flight and Bath YMCA	\$ 1,000	\$500 each to two new services added to the now 17 social services that the Town helps to support for its resident users.

### **Items with significant changes:**

Paramedic Service and other ALS	\$241,760	\$279,604	+\$37,844		Full year contract for the paramedic service 24 hours/day, 7 days/week (24/7).
Employee Benefits	\$324,219	\$350,257	+\$25,938	+8%	Increased costs in healthcare and adjustments made due to increased salaries and wages.
Debt Service	\$505,000	\$560,000	+\$55,000	+10.9%	Increase due primarily to \$600,000 borrowing for major road work in 2014.

Snow Removal, Sand and Salt	\$410,466	\$430,418	+\$19,952	+4.9%	Anticipated increase in contractual agreements and prices for salt and sand.
Road Maintenance	\$ 60,000	\$70,000	+\$10,000	+16.7%	Additional maintenance projects identified by the Road Commissioner for 2015.
Legal	\$ 40,000	\$50,000	+\$10,000	+25%	This account was over-expended in 2014 due to unanticipated needs. The legal needs are expected to remain at that same level for 2015.
Street Lighting	\$ 23,000	\$28,000	+\$5,000	+22%	Reflects increases in service supply rates and unit pricing.
Cemeteries	\$ 7,000	\$11,000	+\$4,000	+57%	Increased maintenance needed at the two town-owned cemeteries (Harpswell Center and Graveyard Point), and continuing maintenance of veterans' graves.
Ash Point Library	\$ 1,500	\$ 4,525	+\$3,025	+202%	Service improvements to the still-developing library.
Harpswell Neck Phys. Ed. Assoc. (HNPEA)	\$ 800	\$ 2,000	+\$1,200	+150%	Expansion (longer hours and more programs) of summer physical education programs.
Shellfish Conservation	\$ 14,000	\$0	-\$14,000	-100%	Unused funds from 2014 to be carried over to be used in 2015.
Marine Resources Specialist	\$30,000	\$12,000	-\$18,000	-60%	Contracted service: \$5,000 to fulfill current contract and \$7,000 for additional consulting support in 2015.
Town Landings	\$ 24,500	\$12,000	-\$12,500	-51%	Includes \$8,500 for maintenance and \$3500 for continuing improvements.
Dedicated EM Service Vehicle Acct	\$150,000	\$75,000	-\$75,000	-50%	Reserve account used for the purchase of emergency vehicles.

The Committee recommended that each of the three fire departments receive \$60,000 in funding for a combination of operations and non-vehicle capital needs. The Town continues its responsibility for funding the vehicle needs of all three departments.

The Committee recommended continuing the current relationship with the Curtis Memorial Library in 2015, as well as continuing support for the Orr's Island Library, the Cundy's Harbor Library, and the Ash Point Library. Contributions for social service agencies that benefit Town residents are also recommended by requesting a total of \$17,800 for these groups.

Finally, the Committee appreciates the efforts made by the entire staff in submitting 2015 funding requests which have kept spending increases minimal. The administrative staff, as always, provided excellent assistance to the Committee in explaining budget items, answering requests for additional information and keeping the budget review process on track.

## ***Board of Appeals***

Harpswell's Board of Appeals (BOA), along with the Planning Board, differ from many committees in a few fundamental ways:

- Boards are required by statute, committees are not.
- The process followed by the BOA is laid out in statutes or our local ordinances.
- The work done has legal standing.
- Board of Appeals decisions are not subject to review by the Board of Selectmen but can be appealed to Superior Court.

The BOA is comprised of five full voting members and two associate members who are ready to step in when a member is absent.

Anyone may appeal a decision of the Codes Office and, through a formal procedure, the BOA will review the facts at a public meeting using the applicable statutes and ordinances, allow anyone to speak on the record, and reach a decision by majority vote.

The BOA meets monthly or as needed, usually the 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the month. Meetings are held at the Town Office and open to the public.

The Harpswell Board of Appeals met nine times in 2014 and heard five applications. Of the five, one was withdrawn, three was denied, one was tabled, then later denied.

## ***Planning Board***

During 2014 the Planning Board held 14 meetings and heard 24 applications, three of which were heard before the Staff Review Committee. On-site inspections were performed at 22 properties. Of the 24 applications, ten were approved, four were approved with conditions, nine were remanded to the Code Enforcement Office and one application was for a preliminary subdivision review.

The applications were for a wide-range of purposes: a culvert replacement on Wallace Shore Road, approval for land use in a resource protection zone, blasting for an apple orchard and a commercial building property, two for new commercial properties and one for a new playground at the school.

With the continued support and guidance from the Town Planner, the Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee and the Conservation Commission, the Planning Board further enlarged its role in land use planning, proposing new ordinances and/or modifications to existing ones, which role the Board sees as necessary to Harpswell's continued growth.

The Planning Board is composed of 5 members and 2 associate members; new members are always welcome to fill existing vacancies and interested residents are encouraged to apply at the Town Office.

## ***Bandstand Committee***

In 2014, the concert series was expanded to 14 concerts from June through September, the last four being on Sunday afternoons. Concerts were well attended with an average attendance of 150 people. Patrons stated that they appreciated the expanded program. Genres included: concert bands, Cuban music, jazz, blues, folk, and more. A little sprucing up was done to the bandstand structure itself, the ceiling was sealed with polyurethane and safety strips were added to the edges of the steps.

The seven-person Town Committee was formed with liaisons from the Mitchell Field Implementation Committee and the Recreation Committee to coordinate bandstand activities, with Rick Daniel as the Selectman liaison. The Committee has undertaken facilitating usage, coordinating concerts and usage dates, as well as, handling any upkeep of the structure. The Committee presently has openings for two associate members. Interested parties should fill out a committee application form at the Town Office.

In April, the Committee held a successful fundraising letter campaign. This was to raise funds for the concert series. Thank you to the contributors of the campaign. The Committee has decided to reinstate the engraved brick fundraiser. If you would like to purchase a brick for display in the pathway, forms are available at the Town Office and online at [www.harpswell.maine.gov](http://www.harpswell.maine.gov).

An important goal of the Committee going forward is to explore more options for publicity so Harpswell community members are more aware of the summer and fall events that are available to them, free of charge. The 2015 concert series planning is almost complete and it looks to be exciting and varied with an appeal for everyone.

## ***Comprehensive Plan Implementation Committee***

The Committee worked with its consultant, Town Planner and the public to present the Flexible Lot Size Amendments to Town Meeting in March 2014. The Amendments were adopted.

The Committee analyzed the Comprehensive Plan of 2005 to determine what in the plan had been completed. It received feedback from other Town committees as to what they had and had not accomplished, and then developed a recommendation regarding creation of a new Comprehensive Plan.

The Committee researched the problem of polluted runoff from construction sites, residential units and roads. It then drove over about 80% of Town roads looking for runoff from the roads into Casco Bay.

## ***Conservation Commission***

Established by Town Meeting in 1970, the Harpswell Conservation Commission has the responsibility of conducting research and giving advice that will help better utilize, protect, and plan for the Town's natural resources and open areas.

### **Fertilizer & Pesticide Usage**

In late summer, the Commission began research in response to residents' concern about how our marine and drinking waters are being affected by the use of fertilizers and pesticides. Since 2013, fertilizer application has been limited. In the 250-foot shoreland zone only applications of compost or composted manure are permitted. In order to further protect the waters from fertilizer runoff, the first 25 feet is a no-application zone.

To gather more information on pesticide use, the Maine Board of Pesticide Control (BPC) was invited to make a public presentation to interested citizens. After considering the information presented by the BPC and concerns from residents, the Commission decided to focus on introducing Integrated Pest Management (IPM) in Harpswell. Look for Town workshops in the coming months. The State's program, *Think first...Spray last* will offer guidelines to the community for responsible usage. The State also has resources available through the Cooperative Extension Service to guide individual homeowners. A number of pages in *A Resident's Conservation Guide to Casco Bay*, address the use of pesticides. Print out a specific page from the Town website or pick up a copy the next time you are in the Town Office.

#### Rising Sea Level

In conjunction with the Planning Department and Midcoast Council of Governments (MCOG), the Commission is studying coastal hazards in relation to rising sea levels. A public workshop explained the model methodology and by using Google Earth, attendees were able to visualize how natural resources and infrastructure would be affected by one-, two- and six-foot increases in sea level. Attendees were asked to rate four areas of importance that the Town should consider in future planning. Using the results, a report will be presented to the Board of Selectmen and committees to assist them in considering impacts of sea level rise and setting priorities for the Town.

#### Culvert Replacement

In December, flow was restored to coastal wetland #7 (Wallace Shore Rd.) by the replacement of a disintegrating culvert. The new bridge allows greater tidal flow into the wetland and the road and bridge are no longer flooded at the astronomical high tide. The project, on a private road, was awarded grant funding in January 2014. By acting as a liaison between property owners and the Casco Bay Estuary Partnership, the Commission was able to facilitate completion of a project involving grant funds and a private road without an official road association.

#### Boat Pumpout

During the summer the Commission collaborated with Quahog Bay Conservation and area boatyards to publicize Casco Bay's policy that bans the discharge of treated or untreated boat sewage. Free boat pumpout is offered at Harpswell's marinas and through an on-site pumpout service. If you have boating friends visiting, be sure to let them know that Casco Bay is a No Discharge Zone. Pumpout locations are listed on the Town website.

The Commission continues to coordinate its activities with Town committees in order to conserve and safeguard Harpswell's natural resources. It will also continue to partner with local groups to address pest control, fertilizer usage and new environmental issues as they arise.

### ***Emergency Vehicles Committee***

The Emergency Vehicles Committee include representatives of all three fire and rescue departments and is responsible for making recommendations to the full Board of Selectmen regarding the purchase of emergency vehicles by the Town.

The Emergency Vehicles Committee met to review the specifications for the replacement of Rescue 7, the ambulance serving the Harpswell Neck Fire and Rescue district. A committee from Harpswell Fire and Rescue spent many hours developing a manufacturer's build specification that ensured the safety of the crew and patients. Bid specifications were further scrutinized by the Emergency Vehicles Committee to ensure that the Town's acquisition would yield a quality ambulance capable of serving the district for many years.



Highlights of the new ambulance include a Ford gasoline E-chassis prepped for ambulance service. The cabinet placement will closely resemble other ambulances in Town to provide the departments with improved interoperability. Significant new features will add a power loading patient cot system that will help prevent crew injury and promote patient safety. A liquid suspension should dramatically improve the ride and handling of the ambulance, again improving patient and crew safety. The suspension should also enhance the durability of the suspension as the chassis ages.

A working group was formed between members of Cundy's Harbor Fire Department and Orr's & Bailey Islands Fire Department to develop manufacturer's build specification for two engine pumpers due to be acquired by the Town in the near future for use by the departments. The goal of the workgroup is to design the engines to achieve consistent design features to improve interoperability between the departments. An additional goal is to obtain a pricing discount by bidding the trucks together. Final specifications will be completed and submitted to the full Emergency Vehicles Committee for further review.

### ***Energy Committee***

During 2014 the Energy Committee has been involved with a number of activities related to energy issues and the needs of the Town.

The Committee assisted the Bandstand Committee to complete the installation of the photo voltaic system for the bandstand.

The Committee recommended guidelines for weatherization improvements financed through the Harpswell Heating Assistance Program to help leverage the money available. In addition, the Committee has been working on developing a partnership with Habitat for Humanity to implement such weatherization measures. The Committee has been reviewing alternative energy projects that have the potential for reducing the Town's energy bills. The use of a solar project seems to have the most promise and work on a recommendation to the Town is underway.

The Committee is seeking members who are interested in assisting with ongoing projects.

### ***Fire & Rescue Committee***

It has been a productive year for Harpswell's three independent fire and rescue departments. This year they welcomed three new ambulance leaders: Chief Gail Hart, Harpswell Neck; and Captains Sheila Lucas, Cundys Harbor and Cindy Watson, Orr's/Bailey Islands; and the new Town Emergency Management Agent (EMA), Rob McAleer. The Committee also wants to acknowledge Chiefs Ed Blain of Orr's/Bailey and Frank Hilton of Harpswell Neck for their leadership these past two years. All have made important contributions to the preparation and/or operation of emergency services for Harpswell. 2014 marks the first full year of 24/7 paramedic coverage provided by Mid Coast Hospital. The year also saw the completion of the Emergency Medical Services building on Mountain Road. The contracted paramedic service has reduced response time for a licensed emergency medical provider to reach the scene for many of our neighbors, and other services provided by this skilled group have enhanced the capabilities of the fire and rescue departments.

In July, a new Emergency Medical Technician class graduated and a total of 12 new EMTs started volunteering with the departments in 2014. The departments are still recruiting residents who would like to train as EMTs, drivers, or firefighters. If you're interested please check us out at [www.harpswellfireandrescue.org](http://www.harpswellfireandrescue.org) or ask any volunteer.



The Committee continues to work towards equipment interoperability with the acquisition of new firefighter breathing apparatus and 12-lead EKG equipment paid for by the fire departments. Our review of Operating Policies and Procedures continues towards a unified town-wide manual. And we continue to seek joint training opportunities. All these are done with an eye towards meeting our common needs as well as efficiency and cost effectiveness, while maintaining safety and providing quality service to neighbors.

With the Town's increased financial role in supporting fire and emergency medical services, the Town Selectmen and staff have met with the Committee and this group expects to meet quarterly in 2015.

The following are the fire departments' emergency response totals for 2014:

<u>Department</u>	<u>Mutual Aid</u>	<u>Fire</u>	<u>EMS</u>
Cundys Harbor	4	72	136
Harpswell Neck	0	59	144
Orr's/Bailey Islands	17	87	125
Totals	21	218	405

### ***Harbor and Waterfront Committee***

The Harbor and Waterfront Committee generally meets at 5:30 at the Town Office on the first Tuesday of each month.

This year the Committee completed the second year of working with a Bowdoin student to identify places in Harpswell that were somewhat suitable and places that were not so suitable for the practice aquaculture.

There is an increasing need for the reorganization of moorings in the Town's major harbors. There was discussion about hosting a Town forum to solicit opinions and insights from the public about managing eventual harbor growth.

The Committee assisted the Harbormaster in his survey of Town moorings. There are approximately 206 unregistered moorings. Another area of future focus will be moored floats. Harpswell has about 86 floats and only one is registered. Floats are being arbitrarily placed in Harpswell without permitting. Floats must be registered with the Army Corps of Engineers. The Harbormaster intends to inventory and research the floats and inform their owners about the requirements of float placements.

We have proposed amendments to the Harbor and Waterfront ordinance for Town Meeting, relating to abandoned vessels and moorings. Finally, we have proposed having the Selectmen decide how many people should be on the Committee.

### ***Marine Resources Committee***

During 2014, the Marine Resources Committee made great strides in identifying and addressing threats posed to Harpswell's clam populations.

In recent years, holders of clam licenses have witnessed a dramatic decline in the number of clams available in Harpswell for commercial harvesting. To help the Marine Resources Committee determine how to reverse this long-term decline, voters at Town Meeting in 2014 authorized funds for hiring a marine resources coordinator.

Darcie Couture, the lead scientist of Resource Access International LLC (RAI), was hired under a one-year contract, as marine resources coordinator. With the help of her expertise, the Marine Resources Committee has embarked on a number of initiatives aimed at reinvigorating the Town's shellfish populations.

As part of the Strawberry Creek Pilot Project, the flats there have been closed to harvesting of all other marine species. Following testing of the mud for acidity, the flats were reseeded with young clams. Some of the reseeded areas were covered with netting. The project will compare survival rates of the covered areas vs. the uncovered area. The results will help the Committee and the Town assess whether the cost of the netting plus associated labor is justified by increased survival rates.

The project also involves an assessment of the effects raking of the mud has on the health of the flats. Initial results indicate that frequent turning of the mud (one or two times per week) damages the ability of the flats to support marine life. This finding could have significant implications for how best to manage the flats.

Using the pH meter recently purchased by the Town, the marine resources coordinator led a survey of coves to determine their suitability for reseeding (Clams do poorly when mud is acidic). Areas that were reseeded in September, based in part on these pH readings, included Oak Ledges, Long Cove, a portion of the Reach and the border area between Brunswick and Harpswell.

RAI found that the coves that had the worst pH readings, tended to be subject to high runoff from the adjacent land. This suggests that the problem of acidic mud in Harpswell may be local in origin, rather than the result of global climate trends producing ocean acidification. If that turns out to be true, it would be good news, because local efforts to control or moderate runoff could bring some flats back to good environmental health.

The Marine Resources Committee continued its efforts to control green crab predation by setting crab traps. While the booming crab population of 2013 seemed to be one of the biggest threats facing the Town's soft clam populations, trapping efforts during the 2014 season indicated greatly reduced numbers. Our consultant expects trapping in the coming season to be much less intensive, serving more as a way to monitor the crab population rather than control it.

Perhaps the most innovative initiative for managing the Town's clam populations involves aquaculture. The Town is moving ahead to take advantage of a provision of State law that allows a Town to designate 25 percent of its open clam area as aquaculture zones. Under this plan, only holders of Harpswell clam licenses would be permitted to harvest in those areas. All other harvesters of all other species would be prohibited.

The Marine Resources Committee is also pressing the State Department of Marine Resources to reopen certain closed areas where recent tests indicate water quality now meets the State standards. Our consultant estimates that about 1,000 acres of the Town's clam flats that are now closed should be eligible for reclassification, either on a year-round or seasonal basis.

## ***Mitchell Field Committee***

Improvements continue to be made at Mitchell Field and usage of it by townspeople and visitors alike continues to grow. Many summer days find the beach and lawns being used by individuals and families having picnics and generally having fun. A swim platform was installed at the beach and was enjoyed by many children. An expanded concert series at the Community Bandstand provided enjoyment throughout the summer and into September. It's a beautiful place to enjoy music and our community.

The community garden, located part way down the main road, had a very successful year. Improvements in the soil and the hard work of a great group of volunteers made for good crop yields and provided surplus produce for area food banks. Additional plots are still available- come join the fun.

The middle building near the waterfront was demolished using funds approved for that purpose at last spring's town meeting. Electrical power that was present in the building was preserved to facilitate public events requiring power. The buildings removal has improved the appearance of the waterfront and the remaining concrete pad provides additional parking space.

Work continues, more slowly than we'd like, to open up the south "bluff" area of the field. Fence removal and clearing of brush will continue to make this area of wonderful views more accessible to the public.

Please come and enjoy the many things Mitchell Field has to offer.

## ***Recycling Committee***

This year was a building year for the Recycling Committee as it focused on understanding the role of the Transfer Station and Recycling Center, exploring opportunities to work within the community, promote using the service, reviewing the statistics and getting a deeper understanding of the operations.

Specific accomplishments included the following:

- Recycling tips were carried in the local paper for several months.
- All Committee members received an operational tour of the facility.
- Discussions were held (to be continued in 2015) to work with the schools in Harpswell.
- Signage was reviewed and different options were explored to see if additional signs were needed. After evaluation it was determined the current signage is appropriate.
- A link for a video on recycling was added to the Town website.

### 2015 Goals

1. Develop an annual plan for the Committee that includes articles on recycling in the local paper.
2. Work with the Manager on having specific Saturdays where residents can get a behind the scenes tour of the facility.
3. Review the monthly statistics to identify any trends.
4. Develop a program to work with the students at the schools in Harpswell to remind students of the importance of recycling.
5. Determine if there are any capital improvements that need to be made.
6. Review the current layout and evaluate any opportunity for landscaping that emphasizes native plantings.
7. Support continued outstanding management efforts.

## ***Town Lands Committee***

Harpswell is very fortunate to have many great Town-owned lands that are available to the public. These range from the popular Cliff Trail and Giant's Stairs to over a dozen town landings and six islands. The Town Lands Committee's mission is to make sure these special places "remain viable for current and future generations" and "...strive to promote public awareness, use, and respect for Town lands." To achieve this goal the Committee actively monitors these lands, provides input to the Town on improvements, and communicates to the public about these places.

In 2013 Harpswell's Town Lands and Recreation Committees along with the Harpswell Heritage Land Trust held two forums highlighting many of the great public properties in Town. In 2014 one more forum was held in Cundy's Harbor featuring several properties and all the different ways they can be utilized. Even long-time residents may be surprised at the number of great spots in Town that are open to the public. Also, in 2014 the Town purchased a piece of land adjacent to the Lookout Point Landing on Harpswell Neck. This addition to the landing should provide more parking for this popular landing.

The Committee is also working with the Town on potential improvements to several of the Town landings. We are looking forward to these improvements taking place in 2015. Town residents are always encouraged to make recommendations about ways to better utilize existing town properties as well as suggest potential new lands that would be of value to the Town.

Actively monitoring Town property continues to be a priority for the Committee. We are fortunate to have added several new stewards in 2014 and regularly review the reports and input provided by these volunteers. Anyone interested in being a steward for a town property is encouraged to sign up on-line or by picking up a form at the Town Offices. Being a steward is a great way to support the Town with only a modest time commitment. There are several town-owned islands that currently need a steward. All Town residents and guests are encouraged to pick up a "Harpswell Guide" at the Town Offices or on the Town's website and enjoy all the great resources in Harpswell.

## ***Harpswell Community Television***

2014 saw the doubling down of efforts to convert our transmitter to digital. We have proposals from three transmitter companies and are exploring the options such as signal splitting and mobile devices. A high definition over-the-air signal requires a new fiber optic link to the transmitter but the current antenna and associated equipment was designed originally to accommodate digital signaling so there is no need to replace it. We all want to do this right the first time so our staff and volunteer engineer are spending many hours on the project. We have until September of 2015 to get this done.

As in past years we have been busy providing as much information as we can to you in order that you may be informed on issues which are important. All meetings and public hearings are broadcast in their entirety, not just sound bites. But beyond meetings our studio is used by town committees to present and discuss their projects. We provided studio space and equipment to a number of regular producers this year as well as some new faces. People Plus is planning a new cooking program to augment their monthly talk show as we are the only public access station in Maine with a kitchen. We are seeking broadcast rights for certain videos on behalf of Harpswell citizens who have requested them. We have obtained a large motorized satellite dish which will allow us to obtain national and international programming upon request. And with a donation of professional video equipment from the Fox station in Portland we can expand and upgrade our capabilities.

Thanks to all who have contributed to our bottle shed. It's a big help. Thanks to the neighbors and friends who have contributed their time, energy and money to make our station one of the best in Maine. And a special thank you to Kenney Landscaping for all their help this past year.

Harpswell Community Broadcasting Corp. Board of Directors

Cheryl Card, David I. Chipman, Mike Doyle, Joanna Lavan, Dave Mercier, Jenn Nelson, Dorothy Rosenberg, Tom Rothwell, Linda Strickland

Station Manager: Donna Frisoli

Administrative Assistant: Donnette Goodnow

### ***Cundy's Harbor Library***

2014 was once again a year of change and growth for the library. Tricia Gordon, Library Director, and Michael Carnes, Assistant Librarian, came on board in September. The library wishes to acknowledge the tremendous contributions that Acting Librarian Denise Schwartz and Acting Assistant Librarian Joanna Damon made to keep our gem of a library up and running.

Under the guidance of the Board and Denise, we moved to an online library operating system, LibraryWorld. This allows us to manage our collection, catalog, and circulation completely online. Visitors are able to see what we have available 24/7 from the comfort of home: <http://www.cundysharbor.me/online-catalog>. We were also very fortunate to have some specialized help with the cataloging process of the collection in the form of two interns: Kate Jacobs and Caroline Nickerson.

We said goodbye and thank you to Sam Schwartz, Board member and former Library Director. Our committed volunteers played a very large role in the day-to-day operations of the library, as well as many of our special events throughout the year.

As always, our goal is to build participation and create community. Our Cabin Fever Breakfasts in February, the book sale in July, and August's Ice Cream Social for Cundy's Harbor Days are just a few of the events that we host annually. We have also been fortunate to pair up with Harpswell Heritage Land Trust as a location for their Harpswell Family Outing in February and the Rain or Shine Hiking Group for a monthly story time collaboration. Beyond these special events, we have a variety of ongoing programs, including: Tech Help Thursday, PJ Story Time for Families, and a middle school gaming club.

The Board continues to be humbled by the generosity of the community to our Annual Appeal. In addition, the Town of Harpswell's contribution provided about half of the library's 2014 budget. Our upcoming capital expenditures will include repairs to our driveway and parking.

The Board and staff of Cundy's Harbor Library look forward to improving our services, increasing patronage, and further supporting the residents of Harpswell. Check out our calendar of events, join our newsletter email list, and reserve our meeting room -- all on our website, <http://www.cundysharbor.me>.

Respectfully submitted,

Tricia Gordon, Library Director

Sue Hawkes, President

Dianne Chilmonczyk, Secretary

Pam Bichrest, Treasurer

## ***Orr's Island Library***

The Orr's Island Library enjoyed an incredibly active year in 2014. Hot from the success of our building and renovation project mostly completed in 2013 the trustees have moved ahead to embrace our future. The historic 110-year-old building is the centerpiece of our ever-growing popularity as a *true* reading library and our increased visibility as a community gathering place.

In development for a year, in October, the trustees adopted a 5-Year Plan. The plan has elements of digital technology upgrades to monitor our collection, new policies and procedures and how to best serve our elderly and children's populations. The details are posted in the library and shown in the fall newsletter *The Dust Jacket* located on our web site, and we welcome community input.

Numerous grants were received to support our mission. Two anonymous grants were received to construct custom made storm windows for the six original 110-year-old diamond paned windows in the *Sue Fisher Moren Memorial Reading Room*, to continue the long -term upkeep of the building. A single donor granted the funds to hold our first *Document-Shredding Day* in May, which made a huge community outreach project possible. Two donors made the Margaret Chase Smith July fundraiser not only possible, but highly successful. One couple helps make the summer children's programs possible. A grant was received in November to establish the *Bond Tech Fund*, that will be used as seed money for our anticipated digital improvements. A grant from the *Alfred M. Senter Fund* came in late 2013, and the installation of climate control to protect our collections, especially the contents of the *Robert York Maine History Room* was done in May.

Forty enthusiastic participants came for dinner to celebrate *Founders Day* the library's first time event to celebrate the library's founding in 1900. This fundraiser was hosted by *The Giant Stairs Seafood Grille & Restaurant*, on Bailey Island. More than forty folks came out to honor Robert Freson on Sunday November 16 as the library established *The Robert Freson Photography Collection* and installed a collection of books on world-class photographers. As an internationally renowned photojournalist and author, Robert Freson is a Bailey Island resident. *Ancestry for Libraries* was added to our computers in November, this library version of Ancestry.com is free for library patrons.

*First Thursday* FREE programs in the evening enjoyed its second year with local speakers including the Harpswell Historical Society and Sherriff Kevin Joyce with the *Merrymeeting Bay Triad*. Six Wednesday morning FREE children's programs that included animals, bugs, dogs and hula hoops were well attended in July and August. The second amazing, *Longest Yard Sale* was held in October—a community event not to be missed and seconded only by our *Annual Book Sale and Fair* in August that brought out record numbers of shoppers to the tents at Lowell's Cove.

In the spirit of community giving, patrons at the Orr's island Library this past year collected: pet food for *Meals on Wheels* clients; cash for Harpswell Schools resource officers, for back-pack food and other needs; gifts for *Harpswell Santa*; canned goods for *Mid-Coast Hunger Prevention*; and perhaps the most incredible was a collection of \$500 cash that translates to \$4,500 in buying power for *Mid-Coast Hunger Prevention*.

The Orr's Island Library is a true community resource not just a reading room. Our building is offered free to local groups of which there are several who use the building on a regular basis. We host a book club and offer tutoring space, there is FREE WiFi and in-house public access computers. The puzzle table is always active and the candy basket well stocked.

This all comes at a price and the trustees are grateful for the annual contribution to our operating costs, from the Town of Harpswell. Coupled with fundraising events, the *Annual Appeal* and the hard work of our volunteers and supporters we look forward to our 111-year of providing service to Harpswell.

John R. Webster: President/Treasurer  
Peg Bonarrigo & Catherine Gottman: Vice Presidents  
Linda Kreamer: Secretary  
Joanne Rogers: Librarian

### ***Curtis Memorial Library***

2014 was a year of energy and excitement at Curtis Library. We had 266,678 visits to the library, a new high in terms of people going into the library. 1,658 new library cards were issued and 391,311 items borrowed.

The library's nonfiction collection was updated and refreshed over a six month period. Similar topic books (like Biography or Self-Help) were grouped together (with the Dewey Decimal system being maintained within each area). This was done to improve the ability of library patrons to browse the collection, much like what happens in a bookstore.

During the same time period, the library's computers were moved from the first floor and consolidated on the second floor of the library, making it easier to provide good customer service to computer users.

The first floor computer lab was transformed into the new Curtis Collaboratory. The Collaboratory is an interactive space for the community that will have new exhibits every month, along with speakers and events. The goal is to provide a space where ideas can be shared and innovation around community topics is encouraged. Stop by and check it out if you haven't been there yet.

A new group called the Curtis Contemporaries has been formed at the library. This group is made up of library supporters working to engage a new generation in supporting Curtis. A wonderful party for all ages was held on October 25 to celebrate the library, the formation of this group, and the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rainbow Rug's (the huge rug in the library's 1904 Building) journey to Brunswick, Maine from Gordes, Turkey.

Finally, Curtis has been honored to receive a second financial literacy grant for \$92,000 from the American Library Association and FINRA (Financial Regulatory Association). The goal of this grant is to provide very basic financial training to Brunswick and Harpswell community members. Stay tuned for more information on programs beginning in September.

Curtis continues to offer an increasing number of services online to library card holders, including downloadable books, streaming movies, and electronic magazines. We have an online art gallery called "Curtis Creative Spaces" where any local artist (from Brunswick or Harpswell) can display (for free) a digital art show, thereby sharing their art with the entire library community. The idea has been very successful and the participation high. Any interested artists should contact Mike Gorzka at Curtis Library ([mgorzka@curtislibrary.com](mailto:mgorzka@curtislibrary.com)).

Our thanks go to the citizens of Harpswell for their continued support of Curtis Memorial Library. Your participation in this institution has been a long tradition and one that we hope continues far into the future.

Elisabeth Doucett  
Library Director

## ***Mid Coast Hospital***

Dear Town of Harpswell,

In 2014, Mid Coast Hospital's Paramedic Interceptor Program was again honored to collaborate with Harpswell volunteer emergency services to provide paramedic support to residents. Now in our third year of working together, this partnership continues to develop, offering increased access to emergency medical services, better coordinated care, and improved health and safety for the community.

Beginning January 1, 2014, the Mid Coast paramedic team transitioned from providing mid-week, part-time coverage to 24-hour dedicated service, seven days a week. The increase in coverage has allowed personnel to better leverage this relationship, coordinating their efforts with the community's needs at heart.

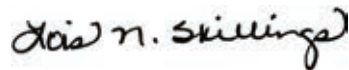
Here are some highlights from 2014:

- The dedicated Mid Coast Paramedic vehicle responded to 390 calls
- A second Mid Coast Paramedic vehicle responded 5 times to assist when the dedicated vehicle was in use
- 55% of calls responded to were treated and transported at the Advanced Life Support (ALS) level
- Average response time for emergency services was just under 9 minutes

This past year's noticeable program enhancements include a centrally located garage built by the Town of Harpswell to house the Mid Coast Hospital paramedic vehicle, making it easier for the paramedic to effectively and efficiently respond to emergencies. Additionally, Mid Coast Hospital continues to provide education for the three Harpswell ambulance services through monthly training opportunities and consistently evaluates for quality and assurance to look for ways to strengthen the services offered.

We applaud the Town of Harpswell for your commitment to this partnership. Working together we are able increase access to high quality healthcare and improve the overall health of the community.

Sincerely,



Lois Skillings  
President and CEO  
Mid Coast Health Services



## ***MSAD #75***

It is a pleasure to once again provide this report to the Town of Harpswell. Much has happened in the past twelve months!

As was reported last year, the challenges we face in education are unprecedented. Several State initiatives impact our district in multiple ways. These include the requirement for a teacher and administrative evaluation system that complies with State regulations. We are in the second year of this project, with the development and training continuing into next year. While current regulations require full implementation next year, it was clear recently that many districts have not undertaken the work with such commitment as we have in M.S.A.D. No. 75. It is very likely that additional changes to that law will surface in the next legislative session.

Another State initiative impacting our system is the requirement that all students graduate “proficient” in order to receive a diploma. The determination of what “proficiency” means is left to each school district; and our district, like many in Maine, is working with the Reinventing School Coalition to more fully meet the needs of individual students, while focusing on multiple ways for students to demonstrate proficiency.

The third major initiative is the change to the Smarter Balanced Assessment system that will be administered for the first time in the State this spring. As noted last year, these tests are far more rigorous, and represent a significant departure from the “fill in the bubble” tests most of us remember.

I cannot underestimate the impact these initiatives have on our teachers and administrators. In addition to their daily responsibilities of teaching students, they are engaged in committee work, District and building meetings to ensure that whatever changes we make are the right changes, for the right reasons.

This fall brought some administrative changes as well. Chris Lajoie was selected as Principal of Bowdoinham Community School following the retirement of Diane Stahl. Don Gray, Assistant Principal of the high school, returned from military deployment. Donna Brunette was appointed as Principal of Mt. Ararat High School. M.S.A.D. No. 75 will see many new faces in the next several years as many of our support staff, teachers and administrators reach retirement age. We have been fortunate to have such talented and dedicated staff over the years, and we are committed to ensuring that same high quality in those selected in the future.

One of the most exciting developments in the District is the approval last spring of the Mt. Ararat High School project. The Board has created two committees with Board, staff and community representation. The Designer Selection Committee will be interviewing architectural firms during the first week of February. It is important to reiterate: we do not know whether that school will be renovated, built new, or some combination. That is a decision that will be made after selecting the architectural firm which will conduct an analysis of those options according to State of Maine requirements.

During the design phase there will be many opportunities for the four communities to voice their vision, ideas, and/or concerns. As we move through the process, there will be a need for subcommittees. These will be formed as needed. If you have special interests in music, art, athletics, etc., watch the District’s website, newsletters, and papers for more information on how to get involved.

We are excited about this project! An improved facility will better allow us to provide high-quality educational programs for our students, as well as a facility that is a valuable resource for the community.

The budget process is once again underway. As in any other year, there are some known factors, including contractual agreements with our employees. There are also many unknown costs, such as insurance costs, Worker's Compensation, energy and fuel costs, or the amount of funding we will get from the State. Potential changes to charter school funding is also an unknown. Last year we made the decision to not use fund balance as a way to offset costs to the taxpayers, and that will continue to be the case this year. We have dedicated administrators and Board members who work together in developing a budget that provides what is needed for our students, while recognizing the impact on taxpayers.

Information about the budget can be found on the District's website, [www.link75.org](http://www.link75.org), as it is developed. We also encourage everyone to follow the Finance Committee meetings, whether it is in person, on Harpswell Public Television, or on Vimeo <http://vimeo.com/harpswelltv/videos/sort:date>. This year the dates and locations for the Public Budget Forums are:

Monday, March 23	Harpswell Community School at 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 24	Woodside Elementary School at 6:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 31	Bowdoinham Community School at 6:30 p.m.

The District Budget Meeting will be held on Thursday, May 21, 2015, in the Orion Performing Arts Center beginning at 6:30 p.m.; and the Budget Validation Referendum will be held on Tuesday, June 9.

We continue to appreciate the support and commitment to education that exists within our four towns. It is my pleasure to meet with parents throughout the year, and particularly as they share their priorities for the budget as it is developed. In the past, parents have overwhelmingly expressed their concern about the impacts of reductions in personnel and programs. They are proud of the educational system and want it to continue. This includes courses for advanced learners, several foreign languages, strong music and art programs, support for at-risk students and high-quality special education programs.

What it comes down to, as it always has, is the quality of the teacher who is in front of the students each day. I am proud of the teachers and other employees of M.S.A.D. No. 75 who display dedication and commitment to the students, families and communities we serve.

Respectfully,

Bradley V. Smith  
Superintendent of Schools

## ***Harpswell Coastal Academy***

Harpswell Coastal Academy is in our second year as a public school open to any student in grades 6-12. We've met our enrollment targets both years and look forward to growing to our full capacity over the next 2015-16 and 2016-17 school years.

### **Enrollment Snapshot**

**By Grade:** HCA currently enrolls 39 grade 6 students, 32 grade 7 students, 17 grade 9 students and 32 grade 10 students, for a total of 120.

**By Town:** 27 live in Harpswell, 34 in Brunswick, 15 in Topsham, 9 in Bowdoin, 7 in Bowdoinham, 5 in Bath, 5 in Woolwich, 2 each in Freeport, Lisbon Falls and Wales, and 1 each in Auburn, Camden, Falmouth, Richmond, Sabbathus, Wiscasset, and Yarmouth.

**By School District:** 58 from SAD 75, 34 from Brunswick, 10 from RSU 1, and 1 or 2 students from each of 9 other school departments.

### **Student Learning in Partnership with Community**

**Trimester 2 Investigations:** Division 1 students are working on a Children's Book project in collaboration with Margo Mallar of Ocean Classroom. The books will integrate Literacy, Visual Arts, Scientific Process, and Ecosystem standards. Division 2 students are working on two parallel projects: a science/math focused project that will culminate in recommendations for a sustainable energy future for HCA; and Voices of the Sea, an oral history collaboration with Harpswell Heritage Land Trust. These projects will culminate in mid-March.

**Trimester 3 Investigations:** Division 1 students will continue the invasive species work begun last year, working with the Town Marine Resources Committee and Darcie Couture of Resource Access International to learn more about the role invasives play in ocean acidification. Division 1 students will also work on a Geography/GIS mapping project. Division 2 students will work with Harpswell Historical Society on a pilot project that looks at US History through the lens of individual artifacts in the HHS collection. HCA students are working with Holbrook's Foundation and HHLT as well.

If you are interested in a possible collaboration with HCA, please contact Community Partner coordinator Whitney Conway at [wconway@harpswellcoastalacademy.org](mailto:wconway@harpswellcoastalacademy.org).

### **Facilities**

We expect to reach a purchase and sale agreement with the Town of Harpswell for West Harpswell School, pending a town vote at the March town meeting. Our Facilities Committee will continue the process of developing space for an additional 60-80 students next year and a total of 240-280 the following year. Several options are being investigated; temporary classrooms and/or expansion at WHS, Mitchell Field, Brunswick Landing are among them.

### **Thanks!**

On behalf of HCA's Board of Directors, I'd like to thank all the folks in the Harpswell Community who've helped during these start-up years. In addition to town employees, and elected officials, so many community members have stepped up in big and small ways to support the return of a public school serving middle and high school age students to Harpswell.

John D'Anieri  
Head of School



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January 26, 2015

Board of Selectmen  
Town of Harpswell, Maine  
Harpswell, Maine

We were engaged by the Town of Harpswell and have audited the financial statements of the Town of Harpswell as of and for the year ended December 31, 2014. The following statements and schedules have been excerpted from the 2014 financial statements, a complete copy of which, including our opinion thereon, will be available for inspection at the Town Office.

Included herein are:

Statement of Revenue, Expenditures, and Changes in Fund Balance (Budgetary Basis of Accounting) – General Fund	Exhibit A-2
Balance Sheet – Governmental Funds	Statement 3
Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Governmental Funds	Statement 4
Combining Balance Sheet – Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Exhibit B-1
Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances – Nonmajor Governmental Funds	Exhibit B-2

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**TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**Governmental Funds**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2014**

	General	Road Projects	Other Governmental Funds	Total Governmental Funds
Revenues:				
Taxes	\$ 12,019,497	-	-	12,019,497
Intergovernmental	167,104	-	551	167,655
Miscellaneous	549,051	-	61,173	610,224
Total revenues	12,735,652	-	61,724	12,797,376
Expenditures:				
Current:				
General government	1,254,928	-	-	1,254,928
Public works	795,393	-	-	795,393
Protection and safety	1,097,257	-	-	1,097,257
Health and welfare	25,409	-	-	25,409
Cultural and recreation	256,931	-	68,389	325,320
Education	7,230,969	-	-	7,230,969
County taxes	1,183,087	-	-	1,183,087
Overlay/abatements	766	-	-	766
Debt service	490,257	-	-	490,257
Capital and special projects	394,385	802,542	551	1,197,478
Total expenditures	12,729,382	802,542	68,940	13,600,864
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	6,270	(802,542)	(7,216)	(803,488)
Other financing sources (uses):				
Proceeds from long-term debt	600,000	-	-	600,000
Transfers (to) from other funds	(764,850)	600,000	164,850	-
Total other financing sources (uses)	(164,850)	600,000	164,850	600,000
Net change in fund balances	(158,580)	(202,542)	157,634	(203,488)
Fund balances, beginning of year	4,143,649	696,475	527,781	5,367,905
<b>Fund balances, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 3,985,069</b>	<b>493,933</b>	<b>685,415</b>	<b>5,164,417</b>

*See accompanying notes to financial statements.*

**TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE**  
**Comparative Balance Sheets**  
**General Fund**  
**December 31, 2014 and 2013**

	<b>2014</b>	<b>2013</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 5,028,136	5,425,627
Receivables:		
Taxes	356,543	345,631
Tax liens and acquired properties	68,326	64,944
Other	59,504	55,157
Prepaid items	17,147	16,627
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>\$ 5,529,656</b>	<b>5,907,986</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Accounts payable and other liabilities	73,713	240,989
Unearned revenue - taxes paid in advance	5,061	3,532
Unearned revenue - other	16,465	5,560
Interfund payables:		
Special Revenue	46,610	39,759
Capital Projects	1,132,738	1,184,497
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>1,274,587</b>	<b>1,474,337</b>
<b>DEFERRED INFLOWS OF RESOURCES</b>		
Unavailable revenue - property taxes	270,000	290,000
<b>Total deferred inflows of resources</b>	<b>270,000</b>	<b>290,000</b>
<b>FUND BALANCE</b>		
Nonspendable:		
Prepaid Insurance	17,147	16,627
Committed:		
Land acquisition and easement monitoring	15,838	85,000
Expanded paramedic coverage	-	34,800
Assigned	558,720	594,213
Unassigned	3,393,364	3,413,009
<b>Total fund balance</b>	<b>3,985,069</b>	<b>4,143,649</b>
<b>Total liabilities, deferred inflows of resources, and fund balance</b>	<b>\$ 5,529,656</b>	<b>5,907,986</b>

**TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE**  
**General Fund**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis of Accounting)**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2014**

	Budgeted amounts			Variance positive (negative)
	Original	Final	Actual	
Revenues:				
Taxes:				
Property taxes	\$ 10,903,298	10,903,298	10,903,298	-
Change in unavailable revenue	-	-	20,000	20,000
Interest and fees on property taxes	22,000	22,000	20,502	(1,498)
Excise taxes and registration fees	1,012,000	1,012,000	1,075,697	63,697
Total taxes	11,937,298	11,937,298	12,019,497	82,199
Intergovernmental:				
State revenue sharing	90,000	90,000	63,674	(26,326)
Local road assistance URIP	44,000	44,000	34,804	(9,196)
Homestead exemption and BETE	44,358	44,358	44,498	140
Tree growth	8,000	8,000	9,823	1,823
General assistance	6,000	6,000	5,687	(313)
Veterans exemption	3,000	3,000	3,246	246
Other	2,000	2,000	5,372	3,372
Total intergovernmental	197,358	197,358	167,104	(30,254)
Miscellaneous:				
Interest earned	3,000	3,000	6,670	3,670
Copies and records	4,000	4,000	3,895	(105)
Cable TV franchise fee	72,000	72,000	78,823	6,823
Cable technology & capital equipment	11,400	11,400	11,400	-
Licenses, fees and permits	172,100	172,100	204,095	31,995
Fines	-	-	3,100	3,100
Recycling center and disposal fees	120,000	120,000	163,631	43,631
Donations and gifts	10,000	10,000	21,622	11,622
Sale of property	1,500	1,500	2,872	1,372
West Harpswell School lease	-	-	30,000	30,000
Tower lease	20,000	20,000	20,563	563
Unclassified	2,400	2,400	2,380	(20)
Total miscellaneous	416,400	416,400	549,051	132,651
Total revenues	12,551,056	12,551,056	12,735,652	184,596

**TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE**  
**General Fund**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis of Accounting), Continued**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2014**

Article #	Account	Balances carried forward	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance positive (negative)	Balances carried forward
			Original	Final			
Expenditures:							
General government:							
10	Elected officials	\$ -	121,700	121,700	121,216	484	-
General administration:							
11	Administration	-	259,704	259,704	248,421	11,283	-
11	Public information	-	9,000	9,000	8,115	885	-
11	Risk management	-	56,722	56,722	52,380	4,342	-
11	Legal services	-	40,000	40,000	43,152	(3,152)	-
12	Memberships	-	16,037	16,037	16,037	-	-
13	Assessing	-	74,723	74,723	68,515	6,208	-
14	Tax collector's office	-	29,550	29,550	27,956	1,594	-
15	Town clerk's office	-	55,456	55,456	43,503	11,953	-
16	Treasurer	-	23,250	23,250	22,368	882	-
17	Code enforcement	-	116,283	116,283	112,535	3,748	-
18	Planning	-	74,956	74,956	72,302	2,654	-
CF	Consultant re: Conservation Subd	1,000	-	1,000	1,000	-	-
25	Employee benefits	-	324,319	324,319	317,916	6,403	-
26	Boards and committees	-	4,685	4,685	3,551	1,134	-
Operations and maintenance:							
27	Municipal buildings and property	-	69,950	69,950	70,283	(333)	-
27	Old town house and commons	2,000	6,000	8,000	5,141	2,859	-
27	Town dock	-	4,850	4,850	2,914	1,936	-
27	Town lands and landings	-	24,500	24,500	9,476	15,024	15,024
STM	Cedar/Robinhood Beach easement	-	5,200	5,200	1,862	3,338	-
28	Cemeteries	-	7,000	7,000	6,285	715	-
Total general government		3,000	1,323,885	1,326,885	1,254,928	71,957	15,024
Public works:							
32	Snow removal	-	410,466	410,466	399,726	10,740	-
32	Maintenance	-	60,000	60,000	63,886	(3,886)	-
32	Road, street signs	-	2,500	2,500	2,286	214	-
19	Recycling and transfer station	-	327,368	327,368	329,495	(2,127)	-
Total public works		-	800,334	800,334	795,393	4,941	-
Protection and safety:							
36, 37	Emergency services	-	196,090	196,090	190,348	5,742	-
34	Emergency medical services planning	-	3,500	3,500	3,500	-	-
27	Emergency services building	-	8,000	8,000	5,282	2,718	-
STM,35	Contracted paramedic services	-	273,720	273,720	273,720	-	-
39	Street lighting	-	23,000	23,000	23,727	(727)	-
21	Harbor management	-	42,249	42,249	39,745	2,504	-
20	Animal control	-	25,707	25,707	22,605	3,102	-
40,41	Law enforcement and communication	-	354,040	354,040	353,968	72	-
43	Marine consultant & conservation mng	-	44,000	44,000	21,985	22,015	22,015
42, 44	Shellfish conservation contract & boat	-	191,226	191,226	162,377	28,849	-
Total protection and safety		-	1,161,532	1,161,532	1,097,257	64,275	22,015
Health and welfare:							
Health and welfare restricted gift		300	-	300	-	300	300
45	Health and welfare	-	34,880	34,880	25,409	9,471	-
Total health and welfare		300	34,880	35,180	25,409	9,771	300
Cultural and recreation:							
46-48	Cultural and education programs	-	40,111	40,111	40,641	(530)	-
3	Curtis Memorial Library	-	128,204	128,204	128,204	-	-
49	Harpswell Community Broadcasting	-	63,750	63,750	63,750	-	-
22	Recreation - general	-	28,336	28,336	24,336	4,000	-
Total cultural and recreation		-	260,401	260,401	256,931	3,470	-

1 Contingency transfers (\$3,384) approved by selectmen to cover Memorial day, street lights and Recycling/Transfer Station

2 Balances carried forward include 2014 revenues received for these purposes



**TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE**  
**General Fund**  
**Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balance**  
**Budget and Actual (Budgetary Basis of Accounting), Continued**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2014**

Article #	Account	Balances carried forward	Budgeted amounts		Actual	Variance positive (negative)	Balances carried forward
			Original	Final			
Expenditures, continued:							
CF, 53	A. Dennis Moore Recycling / Transfer St.	\$ 45,986	30,000	75,986	19,450	56,536	56,536
<i>Other capital / carryovers / reserves:</i>							
CF, 53	Dry hydrant development	2,780	10,000	12,780	-	12,780	12,780
CF, 54	Land acquisition & Town property improvement	8,280	10,000	18,280	-	18,280	18,280
CF, 53	Vehicle replacement & vehicle equipment	46,478	65,000	111,478	35,380	76,098	76,098
CF	Update of assessing records	20,235	-	20,235	-	20,235	20,235
STM	Land purchase, Map 8, Lot 30	-	85,000	85,000	72,500	12,500	-
CF, 53	Emergency communication equipment	11,521	5,000	16,521	-	16,521	16,521
CF	Land acquisition map 42, lot 6	3,318	-	3,318	-	3,318	3,318
CF, 53	Boat and motor replacement	23,243	10,000	33,243	-	33,243	33,243
CF	Voting machines	12,300	-	12,300	-	12,300	-
CF	Generator replacement	41,000	-	41,000	12,500	28,500	13,500
CF	T/O & Facilities Improvements	45,555	-	45,555	-	45,555	45,555
CF	Emergency Services building	137,244	-	137,244	137,144	100	-
CF, 53	Office equipment	12,705	5,000	17,705	5,500	12,205	12,205
56	Conservation fund	-	5,000	5,000	-	5,000	5,000
CF, 61	Cable related technology account	10,197	5,400	15,597	5,989	9,608	9,608
CF, 54	Public, educational & governmental equipment	-	6,000	6,000	6,000	-	3
CF	Legislative agent	1,800	-	1,800	-	1,800	1,800
CF	Economic development	5,510	-	5,510	1,600	3,910	3,910
CF, 57	Self insurance reserve	743	2,500	3,243	1,232	2,011	2,011
CF, 52	Heating assistance	31,356	10,000	41,356	16,632	24,724	36,546
CF	Marine hazards	3,522	-	3,522	-	3,522	3,522
CF	Failed septic systems	22,649	-	22,649	-	22,649	22,649
23	Wage and salary study	-	12,000	12,000	10,500	1,500	-
29	Harpswell Community School playground	-	15,000	15,000	15,000	-	-
51	PEG Equipment warranty	-	6,400	6,400	6,400	-	-
38	FEMA Consultant	-	5,000	5,000	2,039	2,961	2,961
CF	Energy Conservation	2,502	-	2,502	-	2,502	2,502
CF	Property tax assistance program	15,702	-	15,702	-	15,702	15,702
CF, 58	Hildreth Road property appraisal	3,034	-	3,034	2,500	534	-
55	Pott's Point Town dock system	-	5,500	5,500	-	5,500	5,500
31	Mitchell Field - building demolition	-	25,000	25,000	14,242	10,758	10,758
CF	Mitchell Field - other	1,478	-	1,478	1,478	-	-
31	Mitchell Field - operations	-	16,100	16,100	11,941	4,159	2,250
CF	Mitchell Field - ramp or bandstand donation	1,800	-	1,800	-	1,800	1,800
CF	Mitchell Field - pier	8,873	-	8,873	-	8,873	8,873
	West Harpswell School lease proceeds	10,000	-	10,000	13,080	(3,080)	4 20,000
CF	West Harpswell School - carry forward	9,400	-	9,400	-	9,400	9,400
CF	West Harpswell School - capital	15,000	-	15,000	-	15,000	15,000
30	West Harpswell School - operations	-	10,000	10,000	3,278	6,722	-
Total capital and special projects		554,211	343,900	898,111	394,385	503,726	488,063
60	Debt service	-	505,000	505,000	490,257	14,743	-
CF	Contingency	36,702	-	36,702	-	36,702	33,318
Total budgeted expenditures		594,213	4,429,932	5,024,145	4,314,560	709,585	558,720
Other expenditures:							
	Educational appropriation	-	7,230,969	7,230,969	7,230,969	-	-
	County tax	-	1,183,087	1,183,087	1,183,087	-	-
	Overlay / abatements	-	59,218	59,218	766	58,452	-
Total other expenditures		-	8,473,274	8,473,274	8,414,822	58,452	-
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures		(594,213)	(352,150)	(946,363)	6,270	952,633	(558,720)
Other financing sources (uses):							
33	Proceeds from long-term debt	-	600,000	600,000	600,000	-	-
	Transfer to Capital Projects - road projects	-	(600,000)	(600,000)	(600,000)	-	-
59	Transfer to Capital Projects - emergency vehicle	-	(150,000)	(150,000)	(150,000)	-	-
	Use of committed Fund balance - paramedic/land purchase	-	119,800	119,800	-	(119,800)	-
28	Transfer to Recreation fund - programs	-	(14,850)	(14,850)	(14,850)	-	-
70	Use of unassigned fund balance - budget	-	392,000	392,000	-	(392,000)	-
STM	Use of unassigned fund balance - Cedar/Robinhood Beach	-	5,200	5,200	-	(5,200)	-
	Use of carryforward balances	594,213	-	594,213	-	(594,213)	-
Total other financing sources (uses)		594,213	352,150	946,363	(164,850)	(1,111,213)	-
Net change in fund balance		-	-	-	(158,580)	(158,580)	(558,720)
Fund balance, beginning of year					4,143,649		
Fund balance, end of year					\$ 3,985,069		

2 Balances carried forward include 2014 revenues received for these purposes

3 Revenue received directly applied to capital lease payment

4 Additional lease proceeds received in the first half of 2014 were used to offset the cost of improvements

**TOWN OF HARPSWELL, MAINE**  
**Other Nonmajor Governmental Funds**  
**Combining Statement of Revenues, Expenditures and Changes in Fund Balances**  
**For the year ended December 31, 2014**

	<u>Special Revenues</u>		<u>Capital Projects</u>	
	<u>Restricted Grants</u>	<u>Recreation</u>	<u>Emergency Vehicles</u>	<u>Totals</u>
Revenues:				
Grants	\$ 551	-	-	551
Interest earned	-	-	783	783
Bandstand donations	-	10,580	-	10,580
Charges for services	-	49,810	-	49,810
Total revenues	551	60,390	783	61,724
Expenditures:				
For specified purpose	551	57,351	-	57,902
Bandstand	-	11,038	-	11,038
Capital outlay	-	-	-	-
Total expenditures	551	68,389	-	68,940
Excess (deficiency) of revenues over (under) expenditures	-	(7,999)	783	(7,216)
Other financing sources:				
Transfers from general fund	-	14,850	150,000	164,850
Total other financing sources	-	14,850	150,000	164,850
Net change in fund balances	-	6,851	150,783	157,634
Fund balances, beginning of year	2,520	37,239	488,022	527,781
<b>Fund balances, end of year</b>	<b>\$ 2,520</b>	<b>44,090</b>	<b>638,805</b>	<b>685,415</b>

## ***2015 Proposed Summary Budget***

	2014	2015	% Change
<b>OPERATIONS</b>			
General Government	\$ 1,323,885	\$ 1,375,229	3.88%
Public Works	\$ 800,334	\$ 826,608	3.28%
Protection & Safety	\$ 1,123,232	\$ 1,139,657	1.46%
Health & Welfare	\$ 44,880	\$ 32,880	-26.74%
Cultural & Recreational	\$ 275,251	\$ 286,809	4.20%
West Harpswell School	\$ 10,000	\$ 4,000	-60.00%
Mitchell Field	\$ 41,100	\$ 11,300	-72.51%
Special Projects	\$ 49,400	\$ 140,400	184.21%
	<u>\$ 3,668,082</u>	<u>\$ 3,816,883</u>	4.06%
<b>CAPITAL</b>			
Debt Service	\$ 505,000	\$ 560,000	10.89%
Emergency Vehicle	\$ 150,000	\$ 75,000	-50.00%
Other Capital	\$ 140,500	\$ 77,500	-44.84%
	<u>\$ 795,500</u>	<u>\$ 712,500</u>	-10.43%
<b>TOTAL</b>	\$ 4,463,582	\$ 4,529,383	1.47%

The above Table compares 2014 appropriated amounts with proposed 2015 Annual Town Meeting appropriations. No bond is being proposed for 2015. Amounts appropriated are funded by a combination of sources: property tax, non-property tax revenue, general fund balance, and State payments including homestead exemption reimbursement.

The Cumberland County tax is set by the County Commissioners. In 2015, this assessment is estimated to increase by 5.9% from \$1,183,087 to \$1,253,067. This figure is not reflected above.

The SAD # 75 Budget is developed independently and is not reflected above. The School Board holds hearings as it is developing its budget and then votes on a budget proposal. Voters in all four towns in the District vote on the school budget first by open meeting, then by secret ballot in the budget validation process, which usually occurs in June. (\$7,230,969 was paid to SAD # 75 in 2014.)

**WARRANT  
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING  
HARPSWELL, MAINE  
MARCH 14, 2015**

**Cumberland, s.s.**

**State of Maine**

**To any Constable or Resident of the Town of Harpswell:**

You are hereby required in the name of the State of Maine to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Harpswell qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at Harpswell Community School, Route 24, Harpswell, Maine on Saturday the fourteenth day of March, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. of said day, to act on Articles 1 through 2. The business meeting to act on Article 3 and others that follow will begin at 10:00 a.m.

**Art. 1 — To choose a Moderator to preside at said meeting.**  
(POLLS WILL OPEN AS SOON AS ARTICLE ONE HAS BEEN ACTED UPON AND  
WILL CLOSE AT 5:00 P.M.)

**Art. 2 — To choose by secret ballot one Selectman, who shall be an Assessor and Overseer of the Poor, for a three-year term; one M.S.A.D. # 75 Director, for a three-year term; and one Road Commissioner, for a three-year term.**

**Art. 3 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2015 De Minimus Amendments to the Basic Land Use Ordinance” be enacted?**

[The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office,  
online at *harpswell.maine.gov* and will also be available at Town Meeting.]

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 4 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2015 De Minimus Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance” be enacted?**

[The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office,  
online at *harpswell.maine.gov* and will also be available at Town Meeting.]

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 5 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2015 Amendments to the Definitions Addendum, Shoreland Zoning and Basic Land Use Ordinances regarding Timber Harvesting” be enacted?**

[The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office,  
online at *harpswell.maine.gov* and will also be available at Town Meeting.]

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 6 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2015 Amendments to the Basic Land Use Ordinance regarding Impermeable Surface” be enacted?**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

(additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck out~~):

**Basic Land Use Ordinance**

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**SECTION 11. STANDARDS**

### 11.1. Minimum Lot Standards

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11.1.1. The total area covered by all structures, driveways, parking lots, and other impermeable surfaces shall not exceed twenty percent (20%) of the total area of the lot with the following except ions:

11.1.1.1 for 1 Lots in Flexible Lot Size subdivisions that have a lot area of less than 40,000 square feet. Lots with less than 40,000 square feet of area may have up to 7,500 square feet of impermeable surface.

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Art. 7 — **Shall an Ordinance entitled “2015 Amendments to the Definitions Addendum and Basic Land Use Ordinance regarding Impermeable Surface and Green Infrastructure/Low Impact Development” be enacted?**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

(additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck out~~):

### Basic Land Use Ordinance

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## SECTION 11. STANDARDS

### 11.1. Minimum Lot Standards

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11.1.1.2 Lots with a principal residential use utilizing green infrastructure and low impact development (LID) techniques may have up to twenty-five (25%) percent impermeable surface.

11.1.1.3 Lots with a principal non-residential use utilizing green infrastructure and low impact development (LID) techniques may have up to fifty (50%) impermeable surface.

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### 11.6. Storm Water Runoff

11.6.1. All new construction and development shall be designed to minimize storm water runoff from the site in excess of the natural pre-development conditions. Where possible, green infrastructure and low impact development (LID) techniques (rain gardens, infiltration planters, bioswales), as well as existing natural runoff control features; ~~such as~~ (berms, swales, terraces, and wooded areas) shall be retained in order to reduce runoff and encourage infiltration of stormwater.

11.6.2. Storm water runoff control systems shall be maintained as necessary to ensure proper functioning.

### Definitions Addendum

Green Infrastructure - an approach to water management that protects, restores, or mimics the natural water cycle. Examples are rain gardens, permeable pavements, green roofs, infiltration planters, trees and tree boxes, rainwater harvesting systems (rain barrels), bioswales as well as preservation and restoration of natural landscapes (such as forests, floodplains and wetlands).

Low Impact Development (LID) - an approach to land development (or re-development) that works with nature to manage stormwater as close to its source as possible. LID employs principles such as preserving and recreating natural landscape features, minimizing impermeable surfaces to treat stormwater as a resource rather than a waste product, and include bioretention facilities, rain gardens, vegetated rooftops, rain barrels, and permeable pavements.

Residential – a land use that is predominated by a dwelling or dwelling units.

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Art. 8 — **Shall an Ordinance entitled “2015 Amendments to the Definitions Addendum regarding Structure” be enacted?**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

(additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck out~~):

#### **Definitions Addendum**

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**Structure** – anything built for the support, shelter or enclosure of persons, animals, goods or property of any kind, together with anything constructed or erected with a fixed location on or in the ground, exclusive of tree houses with no roof, not to exceed twenty five ( 25) square feet; picnic tables; lawn chairs; flag poles; temporary party tents not to exceed three (3) days; ninety six (96) square feet camping tents that are accessory to a legally existing house and that are erected on the property not more than 10 days per calendar year; dog houses not to exceed ten (10) square feet; swimming pools not to exceed ten (10) square feet; fences and poles; wiring; and other equipment normally associated with service drops as well as guying and guy anchors. The term includes, but is not limited to, structures temporarily or permanently located, such as decks, satellite dishes, and portable prefab structures. ~~Other examples of structures include~~ terraces, patios and other construction involving impermeable and/or non-vegetated surfaces.

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#### **Art. 9 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2015 Amendments to the Subdivision Ordinance regarding Recording Date, Spaghetti Lots, and Liquid Harvesting” be enacted?**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

(additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck out~~):

#### **Subdivision Ordinance**

#### **SECTION 8. SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS AND REVIEW SCHEDULE**

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##### **8.10. Recording of the Approved Subdivision Plan**

The applicant shall, within ~~forty-five (45)~~ ninety (90) days of Planning Board approval, submit the signed subdivision plan to the Cumberland County Registry of Deeds and report the book and page numbers to the CEO within ~~sixty (60)~~ one hundred and twenty (120) days so the references can be recorded on the Town's copies of the plan. The plan shall either contain all the conditions of approval or the applicant shall record a separate document that contains all the conditions of approval under the same terms and provisions as those applying the plan. If the applicant fails to record the signed plan and report the book and page number to the CEO within the required time frame, approval shall be null and void and the CEO shall note that fact on all Town records.

#### **SECTION 9. APPROVAL STANDARDS**

When reviewing any subdivision plan, the Planning Board shall determine that the proposed subdivision in conjunction with any other existing or approved development meets the review criteria in 30-A M.R.S.A § 4404 and this Section, as may be amended from time to time.

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9.19 Spaghetti Lots are prohibited. If any lots in the proposed subdivision have shore frontage on a river, stream, brook, great pond, or coastal wetland, as these features are defined in Title 38, section 480-B, none of the lots created within the subdivision shall have a lot depth to shore frontage ratio greater than 5 to 1.

9.20 Liquidation harvesting. Timber on the parcel being subdivided has not been harvested in violation of rules adopted pursuant to Title 12, section 8869 subsection 14.

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#### **Definitions Addendum**

Liquidation harvesting – the purchase of timberland followed by a harvest that removes most or all commercial value in standing timber, without regard for long-term forest management principles, and the subsequent sale or attempted resale of the harvested land within five (5) years.

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#### **Art. 10 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2015 Amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance regarding Parking” be enacted?**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

(additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck out~~):

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o **15.7. Parking Areas.** This section applies when an area is developed for ~~parking of seven or more vehicles~~ one thousand (1,000) square feet or more of parking.

**15.7.1.** Parking areas shall meet the Shoreland setback requirements for structures for the district in which such areas are located, except that:

**15.7.1.1.** The setback requirement for parking areas in the Commercial Fisheries I District may be reduced to no less than twenty-five (25) feet, horizontal distance, from the maximum high water line of a great pond, stream, tributary stream, HAT of the coastal wetland or the upland edge of a freshwater wetland described in Section 3 of this ordinance if the Code Enforcement Officer determines that no reasonable alternative exists, and

**15.7.1.2.** The setback requirements for parking areas serving public boat launching facilities, in districts other than the Commercial Fisheries I District may be reduced to no less than fifty (50) feet, horizontal distance, from the maximum high water line of a great pond, stream, tributary stream, HAT of the coastal or upland edge of a wetland described in Section 3 of this ordinance if the Code Enforcement Officer finds that no other reasonable alternative exists.

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**Art. 11 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2015 Amendments to the Shoreland Zoning Ordinance regarding Commercial Fishing” be enacted?**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

(additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck out~~):

**SECTION 13. ESTABLISHMENT OF DISTRICTS**

**13.5. Commercial Fishing II District.** The Commercial Fishing II District shall be defined as the remaining one hundred seventy-five (175) foot zone behind CF I, to two hundred fifty (250) ft. inland from the HAT of the coastal wetland.

In the CF II District, ~~residential use that is accessory to the principal functionally water dependent use may be allowed subject to~~ the residential standards as defined in Section 15.1 and Table 1 in Section 14 of this Ordinance shall apply. Both parts of CF I and CF II of any lot in the CF District existing prior to January 1, 1989, shall be included in calculating lot size.

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**SECTION 14. TABLE OF LAND USES IN THE SHORELAND ZONE**

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TABLE 1 LAND USES IN THE SHORELAND ZONE						
Land Uses	Shoreland Districts					
	RP	SR	SB	CF I	CF II	MFMB <sup>16</sup>
15.3. *Commercial	no <sup>13</sup>	no <sup>13</sup>	PB	PB <sup>4</sup>	PB <sup>2</sup>	PB <sup>16</sup>
<u>15.3.1 Commercial Fishing</u>	no <sup>13</sup>	<u>CEO</u>	<u>CEO</u>	<u>CEO</u>	<u>CEO</u>	<u>CEO</u>

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**Section 15. Land Use Standards**

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**15.15 Clearing or Removal of Vegetation for Activities other than Timber Harvesting**

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15.15.6 The clearing or removal of vegetation in the Commercial Fishing I and II Districts within the buffer strip may be allowed, provided that the clearing or removal of vegetation is necessary for a principal commercial fishing use located on the parcel and the primary income for the landowner or lessee is derived from the same principal commercial fishing use.”



**Art. 12 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2015 Amendments to the Sign Ordinance regarding Enforcement” be enacted?**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

(additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck out~~):

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**6.0 Enforcement**

6.1 It shall be the duty of the Codes Enforcement Officer to administer and enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

6.2 Any person, including but not limited to a landowner, a landowner's agent, or contractor who orders or conducts any activity in violation of this ordinance shall be penalized in accordance with 30-A, M.R.S.A. § 4452, as may be amended from time to time.

6.2.1 For purposes of this Section, each day that a violation continues shall be considered a separate offense.

6.2.2 If the Codes Enforcement Officer finds that provisions of the Town's sign ordinance are being violated, he or she shall notify personally and in writing, if necessary by certified mail return receipt requested, the person responsible for such violation indicating the nature of the violation, and ordering the action necessary to correct it. He or she shall order the discontinuance of illegal use of land, structures, or work being done, removal of illegal structures, or of additions, alterations, or structural changes thereto; discontinuance of any illegal work being done or nuisance conditions; or shall take any other action authorized by this Article to ensure compliance with or to prevent violation of the provisions of the Town's land use ordinances. A copy of such notice shall be submitted to the Board of Selectmen and shall be maintained as a permanent record.

6.2.3 When notification and penalties for actions in violation of the Town's sign ordinance do not result in the correction or abatement of the violation or nuisance condition, the Codes Enforcement Officer shall advise the Board of Selectmen, who may institute any and all actions and proceedings either legal or equitable, to correct the violation, including seeking injunctions of violations, that may be appropriate or necessary for the enforcement of the provisions of the Town's land use ordinances in the name of the Town. The Board of Selectmen is authorized to enter into administrative consent agreements for the purpose of eliminating violations of the Town's sign ordinance and recovering fines without Court action. Such agreements shall not allow an illegal sign to continue unless there is clear and convincing evidence that the illegal sign was erected as a direct result of erroneous advice given by an authorized Town official and there is no evidence that the owner acted in bad faith, or unless the removal of the sign will result in a threat or hazard to public health and safety or will result in substantial environmental damage.

6.2.4 In addition to penalties provided herein, the Town may bring an action in the Superior Court or District Court to enjoin violators of the Town's land use ordinances, for collection of penalties, and for such other relief as may be provided by law.

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**Art. 13 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2015 Amendments to Harpswell Shellfish Ordinance” be enacted?**

[The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, online at [harpswell.maine.gov](http://harpswell.maine.gov) and will also be available at Town Meeting.]

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 14 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “Harpswell Shellfish Aquaculture Ordinance” be enacted?**

[The proposed ordinance is available for review and inspection at the Town Clerk’s Office, online at [harpswell.maine.gov](http://harpswell.maine.gov) and will also be available at Town Meeting.]

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 15 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2015 Amendments to the Harbor and Waterfront Ordinance” be enacted?**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

(additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck out~~):

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4.2

**Abandoned Vessel**

Any vessel which is ~~unattended and~~ determined by the Harbormaster to constitute a hazard to navigation, or which is sinking or already sunk, or which is stranded on any property without the permission of the owner of the property.

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**5.1.1 Registration**

All moorings located below the low water line in waters of Harpswell shall be registered with the Town Clerk ~~before May 1 of each year~~. For renewal moorings re-registered after May 1, the mooring fee will be doubled.

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**5.1.5 Unregistered Moorings**

If any mooring that has not been previously registered is placed in Harpswell waters, the Harbormaster may have the mooring removed immediately at the expense of the person or persons responsible. If any renewal moorings in the waters of Harpswell are unregistered after May 1, the Town Clerk shall notify the owner. If registration is not completed within thirty (30) days of the date of notice, the Harbormaster may have the mooring removed at the expense of the mooring owner.

**5.1.6 Permit Stickers**

Upon successful registration, the Town Clerk shall issue a permit sticker showing the year and permit number that is to be attached to the mooring buoy or kept on the boat registered to the mooring. In addition, the permit number must be painted or burned onto the mooring buoy in a legible manner with numbers at least 3 inches tall. Mooring buoys without the mooring permit number properly displayed shall be considered abandoned.

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5.3

**Removal of Abandoned Moorings**

When the Harbormaster has determined that a mooring is abandoned, he shall so tag the mooring buoy. He shall record the date of the determination, location of the mooring and, if possible, the name of the owner in his records. He shall notify the owner of the abandonment and order the owner to remove the mooring within fifteen (15) ~~thirty (30)~~ days of the date of the notice. If the mooring is not removed, the mooring buoy appropriately marked or re-registered within the applicable fifteen (15) ~~thirty (30)~~ day period, it may be removed or dropped by the Harbormaster at the expense of the owner in accordance with the provisions of Title 38 M.R.S.A., § 4, as may be amended from time to time. Nothing in this Section shall impede enforcement (Section 8.1.7) or collection of penalties (Section 8.2).

5.4

**Removal of Abandoned Vessels**

Except where the vessel constitutes an immediate hazard to public health, or safety or ~~and~~ welfare, the Board of Selectmen shall notify the owner of an abandoned vessel of his duty to remove the any abandoned vessel within fifteen (15) ~~thirty (30)~~ days of the date of the notice. If the vessel is not removed within the applicable fifteen (15) ~~thirty (30)~~ day period, it may be removed by the Harbor-master at the expense of the owner in accordance with the procedures of Title 38 M.R.S.A. § 5, as may be amended from time to time. Where the Board of Selectmen determines that the abandoned vessel constitutes a threat to public health, or safety or ~~and~~ welfare, it may authorize the Harbor Master to remove the vessel immediately and without notice at the expense of the owner. Nothing in this Section shall prevent the Town from enforcing Section 8.1.5 or from collecting penalties (Section 8.2).

**Section 6 HARBOR AND WATERFRONT COMMITTEE**

6.1

**Committee Make-up**

The Harbor and Waterfront Committee shall be comprised of a certain number of ~~seven~~ members, as determined and appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

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**Art. 16 — Shall an Ordinance entitled “2015 Amendments to the Property Tax Assistance Ordinance” be enacted?**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

(additions are underlined and deletions are ~~struck out~~):

**Section 1. Purpose**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish a program pursuant to Chapter 907-A of Title 36 of the Maine Revised Statutes to provide property tax assistance to qualifying persons who reside in the Town of Harpswell. Under this program, the Town of Harpswell will provide supplemental cash refund payments to those individuals who qualify as Harpswell resident beneficiaries of the State of Maine Residents ~~Property Tax Program (State Circuit Breaker Program)~~ Property Tax Fairness Credit pursuant to ~~Chapter 907 of Chapter 822 of~~ Title 36 of the Maine Revised Statutes, as may be amended from time to time, and meet the criteria established by this Ordinance.

**Section 2. Definitions**

Homestead: A homestead is a dwelling owned or rented by the person seeking tax assistance under this Ordinance or held in a revocable living trust for the benefit of that person. The dwelling must be occupied by that person ~~and that person's dependents as a home~~.

Property Tax Assistance Program: The program established by the Town of Harpswell under this Ordinance. Also referred to as the “Program.”

Property Tax Fairness Credit Program: The property tax credit established by the State of Maine pursuant to 36 M.R.S.A. §§ 5219-II, 5219-KK, as may be amended from time to time.

Qualifying applicant: A qualifying applicant is a person who is determined, after review of a complete application under Section 4 of this Ordinance, to be eligible for a refund payment under the terms of this Ordinance.

Town Administrator: The Town Administrator or his/her designee.

**Section 3. Criteria for Participation**

In order to participate in the Property Tax Assistance Program, an applicant must demonstrate all of the following:

- a. That the applicant has a homestead in the Town of Harpswell at the time of application and for the entire year prior to the date of application.
- b. That the applicant has ~~been awarded a refund~~ received a tax credit under the provisions of the State of Maine Residents Property Tax Fairness Credit Program, Chapter 907 of Title 36 of the Maine Revised Statutes for the applicable year.
- c. That the applicant has paid property taxes in full for the year for which the refund is requested.

**Section 4. Application and Payment Procedures**

Persons seeking to participate in the Property Tax Assistance Program shall submit a written request to the Town Administrator no later than October 15 of each year. Applications are required every year to participate in the Program. The Town Administrator shall provide an application form for the Program, which shall include, at a minimum, the applicant's name, homestead address and contact information. As part of the application to the Town, the applicant shall authorize the Town to seek documentation from Maine Revenue Services of Attached to all applications shall be proof and dollar amount of State Property Tax Fairness Credit received by applicant. (copy of check) of his/her State Refund under Chapter 907 of Title 36 of the Maine Revised Statutes (State Circuit Breaker Program). The Program is based on the State Property Tax Fairness Credit and relates to property taxes assessed and paid or rent paid in the preceding calendar year. Based on the timing of refunds under the State Circuit Breaker Program, an application under this Program will typically relate to taxes assessed two years prior (e.g., a Program application filed in 2011 will relate to municipal property taxes assessed on April 1, 2009 (Fiscal Year 2009)). The Town Administrator shall review and determine if the application is complete and accurate and if the applicant is otherwise eligible to participate in the Program. The Town Administrator shall notify an applicant if an application is determined to be incomplete or inaccurate. The Town Administrator's decision on eligibility to participate in the Program shall be final.

### Section 5. Determination of eligibility and amount of eligibility

If the Town Administrator determines that the applicant is eligible to participate in the Program, he/she shall determine the total amount of such eligibility. Eligibility shall be the lesser of the following amounts but in no case shall the Town's refund exceed the property taxes assessed and paid less the State Property Tax Fairness Credit:

- a. ~~50% of the amount of credit qualified for under the Property Tax Fairness Credit Program; refund awarded by the State under Chapter 907, Title 36 M.R.S.A. (Maine Circuit Breaker Program) or;~~
- b. A pro rata share of available monies in the Program Fund based on the amount of one's State Property Tax Fairness Credit Refund under Chapter 907 of Title 36 of the Maine Revised Statutes (State Circuit Breaker Program); or
- c. \$800.00.

The Town Administrator shall report to the Board of Selectmen each year the projected payments and number of eligible applicants requesting assistance from the Program fund.

### Section 6. Program Fund – Limitations upon payments

Payments under this Ordinance shall be conditioned upon the existence of sufficient monies in the Program Fund for the fiscal year in which participation is sought. If there are not sufficient monies in the Program Fund to pay all qualifying applicants in full under this Ordinance, payments shall be limited to the amounts available in the Program Fund on a pro rata basis to each eligible participant based on the amount of one's State credit under the Property Tax Fairness Credit Program in the Program based on the amount of one's State Refund under Chapter 907 of Title 36 of the Maine Revised Statutes (State Circuit Breaker Program). In the event that a lack of funding results in no payment or less than the full payment to a qualifying applicant, the request will not carry over to the next year.

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- Art. 17 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$10,000 for the Property Tax Assistance Program with unexpended funds to be held in reserve. (no appropriation in 2014; \$15,702 currently in reserve)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

- Art. 18 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the terms of and accept delivery of an easement deed for a dry hydrant fire protection system from Donn E. Gagnon, on property located off Mountain Road, a portion of Tax Map 5, Lot 17.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

- Art. 19 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to negotiate the terms of and accept delivery of construction and maintenance easements for stabilization of Long Point Road from landowners adjacent to Long Point Road as the Board deems to be in the best interests of the Town.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

- Art. 20 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, on such terms and conditions as the Board deems to be in the best interests of the Town, to convey to the owners of property located at 923 Harpswell Neck Road an appurtenant access easement over an existing driveway that has served their property for over twenty years but that crosses a portion of the Town Common near the Elijah Kellogg Church.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 21 — To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the elected officials salaries and travel reimbursement as follows, for which Tax Collector and Town Clerk are full-time positions, and when the Selectmen fill a vacancy in any elected position, they are authorized to establish the annual payment, at their discretion:**

	<b>2015</b>	2014	2014 Expended
Selectman, Chair	\$6,000	\$6,000	\$6,000
Selectman	6,000	6,000	6,000
Selectman	6,000	6,000	6,000
Tax Collector	42,024	40,800	40,800
Town Clerk*	45,946	44,500	44,500
Road Commissioner	20,000	15,300	15,300
Travel Reimbursement	<u>3,100</u>	<u>3,100</u>	<u>2,616</u>
	\$129,070	\$121,700	\$121,216

*\*Town Clerk is also Registrar of Voters and receives \$2,419 which is budgeted in Article 22.*

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 22 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$378,952 for General Administration.**

	<b>2015</b>	2014	2014 Expended
Administration Salary & Wages	\$181,812	\$175,503	\$173,471
Computers & Computer Services Agreements	32,400	32,400	29,846
Audit	12,000	14,000	15,800
Other	35,900	37,801	29,303
Public Information	9,000	9,000	8,115
Legal	50,000	40,000	43,152
Risk Management/Insurance	<u>57,840</u>	<u>56,722</u>	<u>52,380</u>
	\$378,952	\$365,426	\$352,067

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 23 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$16,422 for memberships as follows:**

	<b>2015</b>	2014	2014 Expended
Maine Municipal Association	\$8,787	\$8,402	\$8,402
Midcoast Council of Governments	7,110	7,110	7,110
Southern Midcoast Chamber of Commerce	500	500	500
Harpswell Business Association	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>25</u>
	\$16,422	\$16,037	\$16,037

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 24 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$76,360 for the Assessing Office. (\$74,723 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$68,515 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 25 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,415 for the Tax Collector's Office. (\$29,550 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$27,956 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

- Art. 26 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$53,034 for the Town Clerk's Office.** (\$55,456 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$43,503 expended)  
*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*
- Art. 27 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,269 for the Treasurer's Office.** (\$23,250 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$22,368 expended)  
*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*
- Art. 28 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$118,172 for the Code Enforcement Office.** (\$116,283 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$112,535 expended)  
*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*
- Art. 29 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$78,318 for the Planning Office and for planning services.** (\$74,956 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$72,302 expended)  
*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*
- Art. 30 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$323,690 for Operations and Personnel at the Recycling Center & Transfer Station.** (\$327,368 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$329,495 expended)  
*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*
- Art. 31 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25,707 for Animal Control to include \$6,287 for the Coastal Humane Society.** (\$25,707 raised and appropriated in 2014 including \$6,287 for the Coastal Humane Society; \$22,605 expended)  
*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*
- Art. 32 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$110,000 to a reserve fund for the purpose of defense and acquisition of interests in real property held or to be held by the Town or the public in the area of Cedar Beach, Cedar Island, and Small Beach on Merry's Cove, including public access thereto; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to expend funds from the reserve fund for the reimbursement of reasonable legal expenses and other costs incurred by Cedar Beach/Cedar Island Supporters, Inc. ("CBCIS") on or after September 15, 2014 in connection with the defense, acquisition or confirmation of such interests, and for the Town to acquire such interests on terms and conditions that the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interests of the Town; provided that any uncommitted balance of the reserve fund as of December 31, 2017 shall be transferred to the Town's unassigned fund balance.**  
*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*
- Art. 33 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to convey the West Harpswell School property to Harpswell Coastal Academy (HCA), a public charter school, for total consideration amounting to not less than \$150,000, giving credit for \$40,000 in lease payments made or to be made by HCA to the Town during the 2014-2015 school year, and in accordance with the terms and conditions of a certain purchase and sale agreement by and between the Town and HCA dated February 19, 2015, a copy of which is on file at the office of the Town Clerk.**  
*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 34 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$43,788 for Harbor Management.** (\$42,249 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$39,745 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 35 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,899 for the Recreation Department.** (\$28,336 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$24,336 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 36 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 for Recreation Programs and the sum of \$3,500 for maintenance of Trufant-Summerton Field, and authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate revenue generated by recreation programs for recreational purposes and revenue generated by advertising for operating expenses and capital improvement of Trufant-Summerton Field.** (\$14,850 raised and appropriated in 2014)

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 37 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,000 for a public transportation service between Harpswell and Brunswick.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 38 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$350,257 for Employee Benefits.**

	2015	2014	2014 Expended
Health Insurance	\$233,094	\$211,911	\$210,880
Social Sec/Medicare	63,944	61,662	60,709
Retirement	50,219	47,146	43,719
Disability	<u>3,000</u>	<u>3,600</u>	<u>2,608</u>
	\$350,257	\$324,319	\$317,916

*Note: Elected Officials may participate in the health plan pursuant to terms of the Town's personnel policy.*

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 39 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,110 for Boards and Committees.** (\$4,685 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$3,551 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 40 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$103,150 for the maintenance and operations of Town facilities, vehicles and properties including an easement.**

	2015	2014	2014 Expended
Buildings, property & vehicles	\$73,850	\$69,950	\$70,283
EMS Building	6,300	8,000	5,282
Old Town House & Commons	5,500	6,000	5,141
Town Dock	3,000	4,850	2,914
Town Landings	12,000	24,500	9,476
Cedar Beach Monitor & Signage	<u>2,500</u>	<u>5,200</u>	<u>1,862</u>
	\$103,150	\$118,500	\$94,958

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*



**Art. 41 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,000 for the maintenance and repair of cemeteries and graves in accordance with State law. (\$7,000 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$6,285 expended in 2014)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 42 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$4,000 for the maintenance and operation of the former West Harpswell School. (\$10,000 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$3,278 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 43 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$11,300 for Mitchell Field.**

	2015	2014	2014 Expended
Building Demolition	\$ 0	\$25,000	\$14,242
Water Tower Condition Report	0	2,500	2,500
Mowing/Repairs/Signage	9,100	11,400	7,106
Electricity	1,000	1,000	925
Portable Toilets	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,200</u>	<u>1,410</u>
	\$11,300	\$41,100	\$26,183

*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 44 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to use \$10,758 in carry over building demolition funds to establish a Mitchell Field reserve account for emergency repairs or other capital needs.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 45 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$502,918 for snow removal, road maintenance and road/street signs.**

	2015	2014	2014 Expended
Snow Removal	\$430,418	\$410,466	\$399,726
Road Maintenance	70,000	60,000	63,886
Road/Street Signs	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>2,286</u>
	\$502,918	\$472,966	\$465,898

*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 46 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into a multi-year contract for a period of not more than 3 years for the purpose of providing winter road maintenance on such terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interest of the Town.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 47 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$5,000 for emergency services planning. (\$3,500 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$3,500 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 48 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$277,564 to continue round-the-clock, 24/7 dedicated paramedic coverage and related administrative support services provided by Mid Coast Health Services. (\$238,920 raised and appropriated in 2014 and \$34,800 from fund balance; \$273,560 expended).**

*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 49 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$180,000 for the operating and capital expenses of three fire and rescue providers as follows:**

	<b>2015</b>	2014	2014 Expended
Harpswell Neck Fire and Rescue	\$60,000	\$60,000	\$60,000
Orr's-Bailey Island Fire and Rescue	60,000	60,000	60,000
Cundy's Harbor Volunteer Fire	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>	<u>60,000</u>
	\$180,000	\$180,000	\$180,000

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 50 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,790 for other Emergency Services and Management.**

	<b>2015</b>	2014	2014 Expended
Back-up ALS & Central Communications	\$2,040	\$2,840	\$1,458
Fire Warden	2,200	2,200	1,700
Emergency Management	4,550	8,550	3,340
Dry Hydrant Operations	<u>4,000</u>	<u>2,500</u>	<u>3,850</u>
	\$12,790	\$16,090	\$10,348

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 51 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$28,000 for Street Lighting.** (\$23,000 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$23,727 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 52 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$30,502 for communication services with Cumberland County.** (\$29,625 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$29,554 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 53 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$332,164 for Law Enforcement services with Cumberland County.** (\$324,415 raised and appropriated in 2014 and \$35,630 appropriated from the vehicle reserve; \$359,794 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 54 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$184,842 and appropriate \$37,500 from the Vehicle/Vehicle Equipment Replace Account for Marine Wardens and Shellfish Conservation related services, to include the replacement of a vehicle, with Cumberland County.** (\$185,226 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$160,541 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 55 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$12,000 to contract for management and oversight of Marine Resources and Shellfish Conservation activities.** (\$30,000 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$15,998 expended and \$14,002 carried forward)

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 56 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 for boat operations for the Marine Patrol boat.** (\$6,000 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$1,836 expended).

*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 57 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$32,880 for General Assistance and Health & Welfare Agencies as follows:**

	<b>2015</b>	2014	2014 Expended
General Assistance	\$15,000	\$18,000	\$8,229
Independence Association	1,500	1,500	1,500
Midcoast Maine Community Action	730	730	730
Coastal Transportation	1,200	1,200	1,200
People Plus	1,500	1,500	1,500
Spectrum Generations	1,500	1,500	1,500
Family Crisis Shelter	500	500	500
Sexual Assault Response	250	250	250
Tedford Shelter	1,000	1,000	1,000
Big Brothers/Big Sisters	500	500	500
Respite	1,600	1,500	1,500
Midcoast Hunger Prevention	3,200	3,000	3,000
American Red Cross	1,350	1,250	1,250
Day One	250	250	250
Oasis Health Network	1,300	1,200	1,200
Family Focus	500	500	500
Habitat for Humanity	0	500	500
Lifeflight Foundation	500	0	0
YMCA	500	0	0
	<u>\$32,880</u>	<u>\$34,880</u>	<u>\$25,109</u>

*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 58 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$132,691 for Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick.**(\$128,204 raised & appropriated in 2014; \$128,204 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 59 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$40,969 for Cultural purposes as follows:**

	<b>2015</b>	2014	2014 Expended
Orr's Island Library	\$13,000	\$13,000	\$13,000
Cundy's Harbor Library	15,300	13,800	13,800
Ash Point/Harpswell Neck Library	4,525	1,500	1,500
Harpswell Historical Society	3,000	3,000	3,000
Pejepscot Historical Society	500	500	500
Memorial Observances	1,600	1,600	2,130
Bailey Island Library Hall	2,544	2,411	2,411
Five River Arts Alliance	500	500	500
	<u>\$40,969</u>	<u>\$36,311</u>	<u>\$36,841</u>

*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 60 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,000 for the Harpswell Business Association, a Maine non-profit corporation.** (\$3,000 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$3,000 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 61 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000 for the Harpswell Neck Physical Education Association, a Maine non-profit corporation.** (\$800 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$800 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 62 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,000 to support a community fireworks display.** (\$400 approved by the Board of Selectmen in 2014 from the economic development account)

*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 63 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$63,750 for Harpswell Community Broadcasting.** (\$63,750 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$63,750 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 64 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a \$6,000 grant from Comcast pursuant to the terms of the Town's cable television franchise agreement and to appropriate the same for a principal payment on a lease-purchase agreement pursuant to which equipment, related to the public, educational and governmental needs of community broadcasting, has been acquired by the Town.** (\$6,000 accepted and expended in 2014)

*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 65 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,400 for a warranty on equipment, acquired by the Town in a lease-purchase agreement, related to the public, educational and governmental needs of community broadcasting.** (\$6,400 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$6,400 expended)

*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 66 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$77,500 for capital reserve accounts as follows:**

	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2014 Expended</b>
Boat & Motor Replacement	\$ 5,000	\$10,000	\$ 0
Recycling/Transfer Station	30,000	30,000	19,450
Vehicle & Vehicle Equip. Replacement	30,000	65,000	35,380
Office Equipment	7,500	5,000	5,500
Emergency Communications Equipment	5,000	5,000	0
Dry Hydrant	<u>0</u>	<u>10,000</u>	<u>0</u>
	<b>\$77,500</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>	<b>\$60,330</b>

*Recommended by Selectmen*  
*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 67 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$75,000 for the purchase of emergency services vehicles, as determined by the Board of Selectmen, such vehicles to be owned by the Town, and leased to the local Fire Departments that have an Emergency Services Agreement with the Town on such lease terms and conditions as the Board of Selectmen deems to be in the best interests of the Town, with such funds to be held in the Emergency Vehicle Capital Account (an interest-bearing dedicated reserve account) until vehicle purchase. (\$150,000 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$0 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 68 — To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$560,000 for debt service including interest on a tax anticipation note and interest on an equipment lease-purchase agreement for community broadcasting. (\$505,000 raised and appropriated in 2014; \$490,257 expended)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Recommended by Budget Advisory Committee*

**Art. 69 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept a \$5,400 grant from Comcast pursuant to the terms of the Town's cable television franchise agreement and to appropriate the same as a pro-rata reimbursement to the Town, Harpswell Community Broadcasting Corporation and the three local Fire Departments for internet and cable television costs incurred by the same. (\$5,989 expended in 2014)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 70 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to carry over, and assign fund balance accordingly, to the 2016 fiscal year any appropriated but unexpended funds at 2015 fiscal year end, provided that the funds are used for the same purpose as originally appropriated.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 71 — To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of \$15,838 in committed fund balance to unassigned fund balance as the committed funds were not spent to purchase property on Lookout Point or to monitor the Cedar Beach easement.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

<p><i>The Moderator may entertain a motion to approve Articles 72-78 as recommended by Selectmen unless a voter requests a specific article be set aside for individual consideration.</i></p>
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**Art. 72 — To see if the Town will vote to fix the date of September 15, 2015 as the date when the first one-half of taxes shall be due and payable, with interest on the first installment to start after that date, and the date of December 15, 2015 as the date when the second one-half of taxes are due and payable, with interest on the second installment to start after that date, and to see if the Town will vote to charge a 6% rate of interest on unpaid taxes.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 73 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Tax Collector to accept prepayment of taxes not yet committed, as a service to our taxpayers. Any excess prepaid in over the amount finally committed shall be repaid without interest. (36 M.R.S.A. § 506). (Excess payment of \$10.00 or less may be credited to 2015 taxes).**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 74 — To see if the Town will vote to set the interest rate to be paid by the Town on abated taxes at 6% for the period of assessment and to authorize such interest paid or abatements granted to be appropriated from overlay funds or, if necessary, from unassigned fund balance.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 75 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize and direct the Board of Selectmen, at its discretion, to sell by sealed bid or public auction and to convey by quit-claim deed any real estate acquired from tax sources by the Town, or to convey the property to the prior owner upon payment in full of all taxes, interest and charges incurred by the Town. The Board of Selectmen reserves the right to reject any and all bids.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 76 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for State, federal (including Community Development Block Grants) and other grants on the Town's behalf for purposes deemed by the Selectmen to be in the best interests of the Town; to accept such grants, including, when necessary, signing contract and related documents and accepting conditions of approval; and to expend such grant funds for any purpose for which the Town has appropriated funds.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 77 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to spend an amount not to exceed 3/12 of the budgeted amount in each budget category of the 2015 budget from January 1, 2016 to the 2016 Annual Town Meeting.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 78 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to sell by public bid or other competitive process any and all personal property deemed excess by the Board of Selectmen pursuant to such restrictions as the Board of Selectmen may impose.**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

**Art. 79 — To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appropriate amounts not to exceed \$60,000 from Municipal Revenue Sharing, \$1,623,000 from non-property tax revenue sources, and \$306,000 of unassigned fund balance to reduce the tax commitment. (\$90,000 of Municipal Revenue Sharing, \$1,502,000 of non-property tax revenue, and \$392,000 of unassigned fund balance appropriated in 2014)**

*Recommended by Selectmen*

*Article 80 may be passed over if the levy limit is not exceeded by earlier decisions of the voters.*

**Art. 80 — To see if the Town will vote by written ballot to increase the property tax levy limit of \$2,526,407 established for Harpswell by State law in the event that the municipal budget approved under the preceding articles will result in a tax commitment that is greater than that property tax levy limit.**

# *Municipal & Community Directory*

## **ADMINISTRATORS**

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Deborah Turner .....833-5771 x114

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## **CODE ASSISTANT**

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## **COMMUNITY TV STATION**

Donna Frisoli (Manager) .....833-2363

## **EMA AGENT**

Robert McAleer .....833-5574

## **FIRE CHIEFS**

### **CUNDY'S HARBOR**

Benjamin Wallace .....373-0914

### **HARPSWELL NECK**

Frank True .....833-6318

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## **FIRE WARDEN**

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Curtis Memorial, Brunswick .....725-5242

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#### **REGION 10 TECHNICAL HIGH SCHOOL**

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#### **MT . ARARAT MIDDLE SCHOOL**

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*Town Office* - 263 Mountain Road

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.  
Thursday: 1:00 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.

*Recycling & Transfer Center* - 21 Community Drive

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday\*, Friday & Saturday:  
8:00 a.m. – 4:15 p.m. (*Transfer Station Closes at 4:00 p.m.*)  
Closed Sunday & Monday, \*Closed Thursday from January 1 to May 1



*Annual Town Meeting*

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14, 2015**  
Harpwell Community School

Election of the Moderator at 9:00 a.m. Business Meeting  
starts at 10:00 a.m. Polls Open until 5:00 p.m.